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■ OSCAR BUZZ

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On location for "Mystic River" in Boston, Clint Eastwood directed a film that is a heavy favorite for this year's Academy Awards. A multi-million-dollar ad campaign by Warner Bros. aims to increase the film's chances of winning.

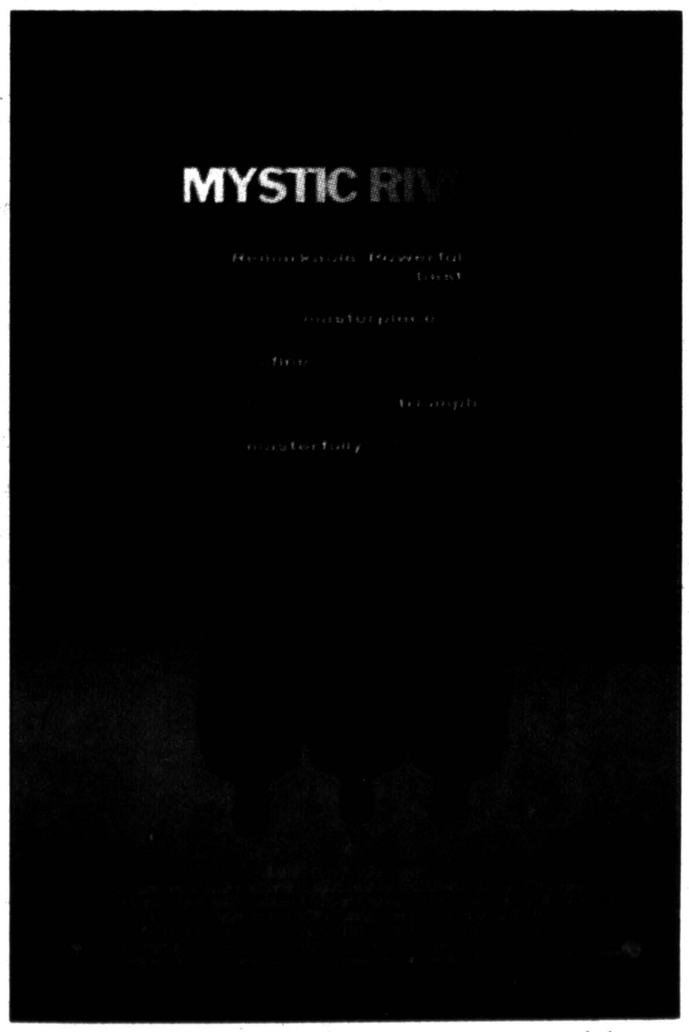
Expensive marketing campaign reflects studio's high hopes for 'Mystic River'

By PAUL MILLER

WITH OSCAR nominations set to be announced Tuesday, Warner Bros. is optimistic that Clint Eastwood's latest film, "Mystic River," will pick up nominations for Best Picture, Best Director and Best Screenplay, not to mention Best Actor, for star Sean Penn.

The studio bosses have such high hopes that they're spending millions to make sure the 5,803 members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences who vote for the Academy Awards don't forget "Mystic River" when they fill out their Oscar ballots.

Every day for more than two months — even with the movie nearing the end of its domestic theatrical run — Warner Bros. has placed a $90,000, full-page ad in the New York Times for "Mystic River." Other expensive ads have appeared with regularity in the Los Angeles Times and Daily Variety — all aimed at movie professionals who mostly live in New York or Los Angeles.



Read the N.Y. Times lately? Then you've seen one of dozens of full-page ads, costing up to $90,000 apiece, aimed not at movie audiences, but at the people who award Oscars.

"The purpose of the ads is two-fold," said Tim Gray, a reporter for Variety who covers the movie industry. "First to get academy members who haven't seen a movie to see it. And the second is to remind them why they liked it when they saw it."

Most studios have one budget to promote a film when it is released during the year, and a separate budget to promote the studio's Oscar favorites, Gray said.

Besides "Mystic River," which tells the story of three friends caught up in grisly episodes decades apart, other pricey ad campaigns running this Oscar season have featured "The Last Samurai" (also Warner Bros.), "Seabiscuit" (Universal) and "The

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The race is on

By MARY BROWNFIELD

TWO MAYORAL candidates and four city council hopefuls will vie for voters' support in Carmel's municipal election April 13. Councilman Dick Ely will challenge incumbent Sue McCloud for mayor. Financier Erik Bethel, planning commissioner Mike Cunningham, retired businessman and former planning commissioner Jack Gorry, and child abuse prevention council director and former city councilman David Maradei will compete for two council seats. The filing periods for the offices closed Jan. 16 and Jan. 21, respectively.

SUE MCCLOUD

A Carmel native who attended local schools and worked in her mother's dress shop while attending Stanford University, McCloud entered city politics as a planning commissioner after retiring from a 31-year career with the Central Intelligence Agency. She has served on the city council, is approaching the end of her second term as mayor and serves on six other boards.

Among the achievements under her leadership, McCloud points to the completion of the $21.65 million Sunset Center renovation, significant progress toward certification of the decades-overdue Local Coastal Program, development of plans to get the seismically unsafe fire station fixed, and expanded openness of government through televised city council meetings.

She wants another term in office to finish the LCP, develop new revenue sources to shore up a faltering budget without dipping

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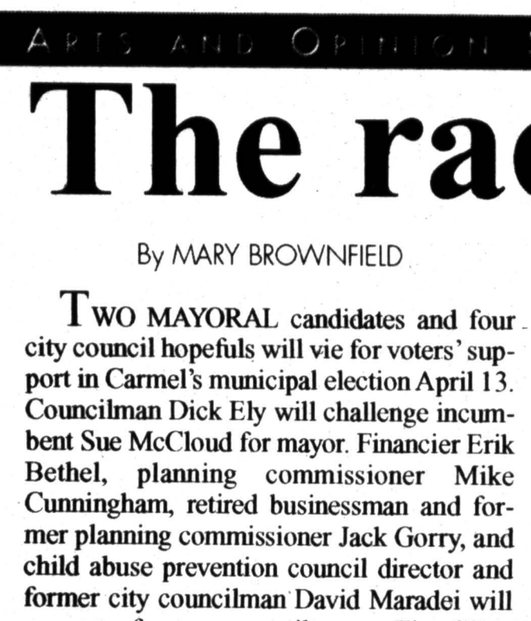

Sue McCloud

Dick Ely

REPORT: *Ticket sales down at Sunset Center*

By MARY BROWNFIELD

DETAILS OF financial problems at the new Sunset Center were revealed at a special city council meeting this week, including the surprising news that ticket sales at the impressive venue were lower this year for two important concert series than before it was remodeled.

Bach Festival sales were down 13 percent and ticket sales for the Carmel Music Society subscription series were down 26 percent, according to Fred O'Such, a board member of the nonprofit group Sunset Cultural Center Inc., which is proposing to take over management of the concert hall.

The group presented its business plan to the city council Jan. 20, and a town hall meeting is set for Thursday, Jan. 29 to gather more public input on the idea.

At the beginning of Tuesday night's meeting, Mayor Sue McCloud assured the audience the center would be operated under "policy direction" of the city council, even if it were run by a nonprofit. But the principal goal is to make sure the center is run well.

"The council has a fiduciary responsibility to the citizens of this community, to whom this asset belongs," she said. "We need to move forward with a Sunset Center management plan that will maximize the use and minimize the subsidy that the city has traditionally paid to run Sunset."

In the 40-minute presentation that followed, O'Such described plans for reducing the city's costs, estimated at $715,000 this year. While energy and other operating costs have risen, the theater will have gone unused 214 days by the end of this fiscal year, and attendance is at or below the level it was prior to the two-year, $21.65 million renovation.

"These figures are credible, and the community needs to take very seriously the extent of the city's involvement and the extent to which our corporation will work" to make Sunset a successful venue, O'Such said.

If hired, SCC would, in the next five to seven years, attempt to increase performance days to at least 160, sell 80,000 to 90,000 tickets a year and woo 10,000 to 13,000 annual visitors to town, according to O'Such. Those levels — which are double

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Lord of the Rings — The Return of the King" (New Line).

"This all started in the 1990s when Harvey Weinstein bought a whole bunch of ads for his movies at Oscar time," Eastwood said from his home in Pebble Beach before heading to Hollywood for a luncheon Thursday where he was honored by the American Film Institute. "I don't know if it will make a difference for the Oscars this year or not."

Eastwood last won Academy Awards for Best Picture and Best Director in 1993 for his dark Western, "Unforgiven." That was before expensive ad campaigns became *de rigeur* for Oscar hopefuls.

According to Ric Robertson, executive administrator of the AMPAS, the group discourages studios from marketing their movies to academy members, and has rules prohibiting giving gifts or inviting academy members to special screenings that include a personal appearance by a film's star or director.

"The point of the Oscars is to encourage excellent film making — there isn't an award for the best marketing campaign," Robertson said. "But when it comes to studios advertising their films, there's not a lot we can do."

For the 73-year-old Eastwood, the multi-million-dollar ad campaign for "Mystic River," which he said has been carried out by the Warner Bros. publicity department without direct input from him, is another sign that his Hollywood career is far from over. The film, which Eastwood shot in Boston and premiered in May 2003 at the Cannes Film Festival, has already garnered plenty of accolades for its ensemble cast and for the former Carmel mayor's deft direction.

"We have six Golden Globe nominations, were named Best Film of 2003 by the National Board of Review, and I think we've showed up on a more than a hundred top 10 lists," Eastwood said. "It's nice."

The increasing ad blitz at Oscar time is also nice for the New York Times, which ranks entertainment advertising as its number one profit source.

"Revenues in that category in the first 11 months of 2003 were up 9 percent over the year before," said Catherine Mathis, a spokesman for the New York Times.

To put the brakes on the aggressive marketing of Oscar contenders, this year's award ceremony was moved up a month to Feb. 29.

But with an additional $30 million or so at the box office for the big Oscar winners, there is just too much incentive for the studios to pull out all the stops to win, Gray said.

"They figure, it's fine to spend $5 million because they'll get that money back if they win," he said. "Does it work? I don't know. But these guys study what everybody else does. If 'Mystic River' wins, next year they'll all say, 'Let's do what 'Mystic River' did.'"

Eastwood said "Lord of the Rings" is a favorite for Best Picture with some critics because of its sheer size and scope. "But my film is considered an actor's picture, and many of the people in the academy are actors ... so we'll just have to wait and see."

Fundraiser for David Spilfogel at Carmel Plaza

AFTER EMERGENCY surgery in September to remove a tumor from the left frontal lobe of his brain, David Spilfolgel, a 1997 graduate of Carmel High, has huge medical bills and is facing months of expensive treatment and rehabilitation.

To help him out — financially and psychologically — a group calling itself "Friends of David Spilfogel" is hosting a fundraiser Sunday, Jan. 25, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the courtyard patio area of Carmel Plaza.

"There are about 30 or 40 people in the group, and we are very thankful for their support," said Ken Spilfogel, David's father and owner of Lenny's Deli and the Carmel Plaza Cafe.

According to the group, there will be "continuous fun, tons of exciting food and music, a silent auction featuring many great local restaurants, inns, gifts and services; a raffle and great entertainment for the kids."

There is no admission charge, but donations will be gratefully accepted. All proceeds will go toward David's needs and care, organizers say.

David's twin brother, Chris, also went to school in Carmel from kindergarten through high school, and both boys are members of Congregation Beth Israel on Carmel Valley Road. Their mother is an elementary school teacher in Pacific Grove and their stepfather is a teacher at Carmel High.

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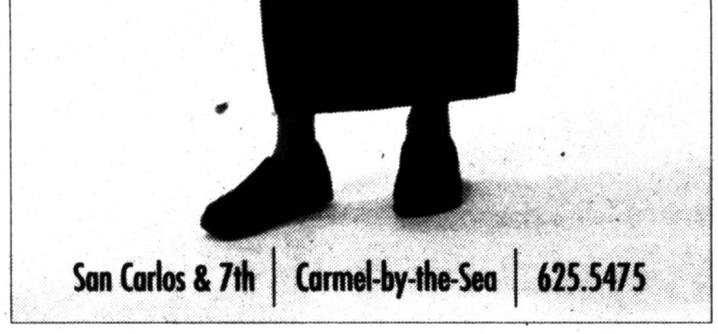

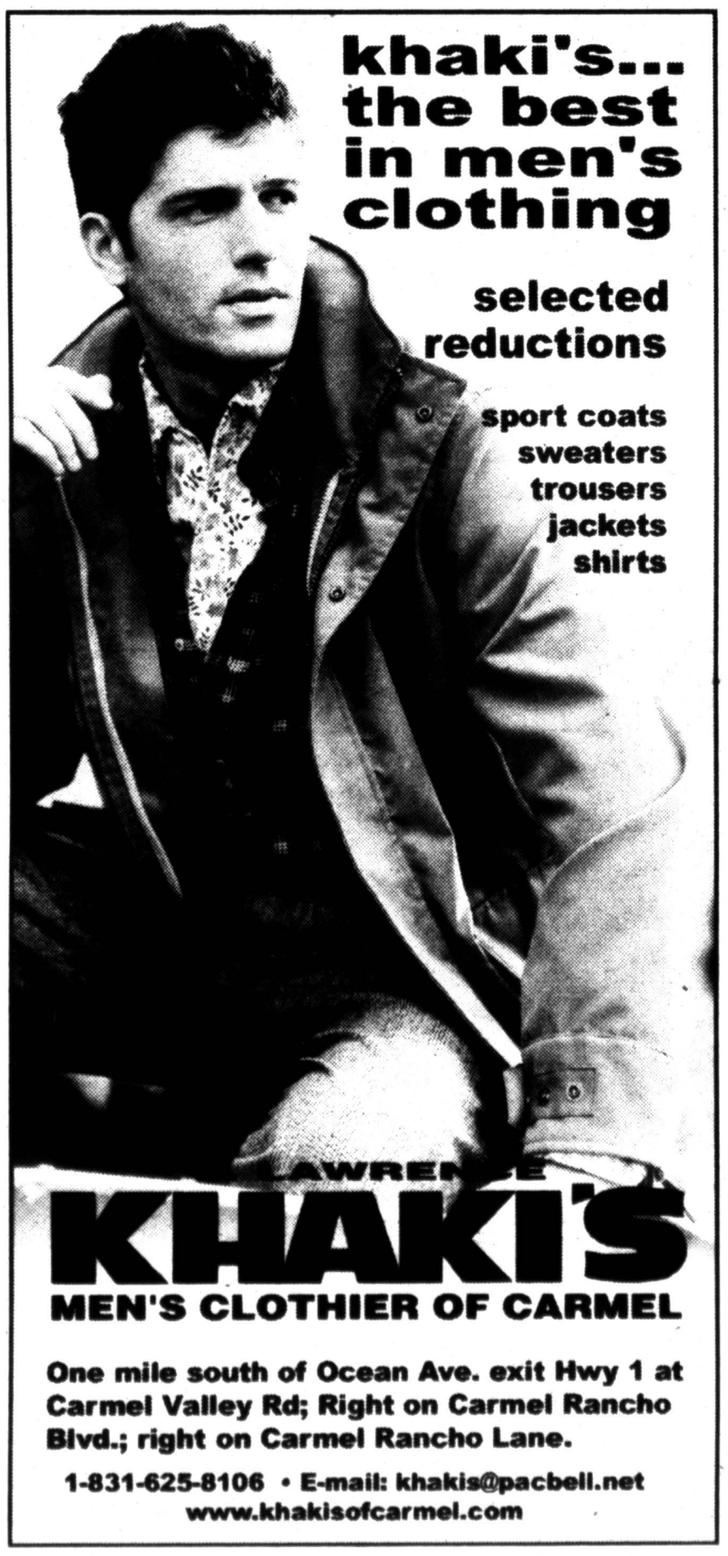

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■ *Retirements, hiring freeze help city cope with budget deficit*

By MARY BROWNFIELD

NUMEROUS VACANCIES at city hall — including several high-level jobs — will not be filled anytime soon, according to city administrator Rich Guillen.

Even with staff levels down 19 percent in two years, most of the city's business can be handled by other employees, he said.

"We had projected a $1.7 million deficit next year, and when you look at our budget, 70 percent is payroll," said Guillen, who plans to propose a reorganization of city departments. "If we're going to start cutting, that's the only real place to go."

Guillen would offer no specifics on what might change and said he will unveil his plan at the council's April budget workshop.

But some reorganizing has already occurred with the freezing of six vacant positions and the reassignment of several employees. Following the Dec. 31 retirement of public works director Jim Cullem, Guillen shifted two gardeners and two landscape maintenance employees from city forester Mike Branson's department to that of Stu Ross, streets supervisor for public works. Branson now has two tree care specialists working under him, with a vacancy for one more, while Ross supervises 10, including administrative coordinator Margi Perotti.

"I wanted to have city forestry just focus on forestry," Guillen explained.

Ross and Branson learned of the shift the week before it occurred. While Ross would not comment on the success of the new setup, Branson was optimistic.

"It has the potential to serve everyone's needs better," he said.

Eighty-nine to 72

When Cullem, community and cultural director Brian Donoghue, financial services coordinator Sandi Davenport, Carmel Police Sgt. Pete Poitras and assistant city administrator Greg D'Ambrosio retired at the end of last year, the number of vacant city positions rose to 11, according to personnel specialist Jane Miller. Those 11 jobs account for $990,101 in the current city budget.

Besides the group that retired Dec. 31, the other vacancies include director of planning and building, senior tree specialist and four spots in the police department: a supervisor, a corporal, a patrol cop and a community services officer. Some of those jobs have been partially filled on a part-time or contract basis, Miller said.

In addition to the 11 vacancies, six other positions have been frozen and left out of the city's budget during the past two years: fire chief, assistant fire chief, police lieutenant, associate planner, and the director of forestry, parks and beach, last held by Gary Kelly.

Another job in the planning department had been frozen and left out of the 2003/2004 budget but was filled by Sean Conroy after senior planner Chip Rerig left in August to work for the City of Monterey. Of all the major city departments, only the library is fully staffed, having no frozen positions or funded vacancies.

While the police department and library still have their department heads, and acting fire chief Sidney Reade continues to run CFD on a contract basis, Guillen said he has offset the exodus from other city departments by shifting management responsibilities to other employees.

"For the time being, I've elevated mid-level managers who were already doing these jobs in terms of their responsibilities," Guillen said. He said most residents and visitors won't notice a difference in city services resulting from the drop in staffing.

He took that route last November when planning director Christi di Iorio left. Instead of searching for a new director, he placed building official Tim Meroney and principal planner Brian Roseth, both longtime employees, in charge. Meanwhile, Guillen handles the policy issues.

Although he once served as planning director, Roseth left that position several years ago to focus on long-range planning, such as the Design Traditions Project, the housing element and the Local Coastal Program.

"At present, the way we have it structured here, with me picking up part of the load and Tim picking up part of the load and Rich picking up part of the load, it's able to work fairly well," Roseth said, pointing to the ongoing progress on the mammoth and hugely important Local Coastal Program as proof.

"We're in a period of change, and the council and the city administrator have to evaluate what the budget limitations are and what level of services are appropriate in every department," Roseth said.

Police chief George Rawson is accustomed to running a short-staffed department since CPD constantly has vacancies to fill. As a result, expenditures in the police department regularly come in under budget.

But the department could still lose some of its funding. As Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger ponders more cuts in the dismal state budget, grants may get the ax, including money to pay one cop.

"I haven't been at full staffing since I became chief anyway so, is it really going to hit me that hard?" Rawson said.

And acting fire chief Reade said that, while the fire department has some administrative vacancies, the front-line positions are fully staffed with six full-time firefighters. Also, Carmel Regional Fire Ambulance paramedics and EMTs are cross-trained to help in firefighting.

"We have two people on duty every day, 24 hours a day," Reade said. "That's the lowest you can get," but it's adequate for a city of 4,000 people.

As the council prepares to discuss mid-year budget numbers, the city job picture will grow more clear, according to Guillen, who will report on city finances, but not staff reorganization, at the Feb. 3 meeting.

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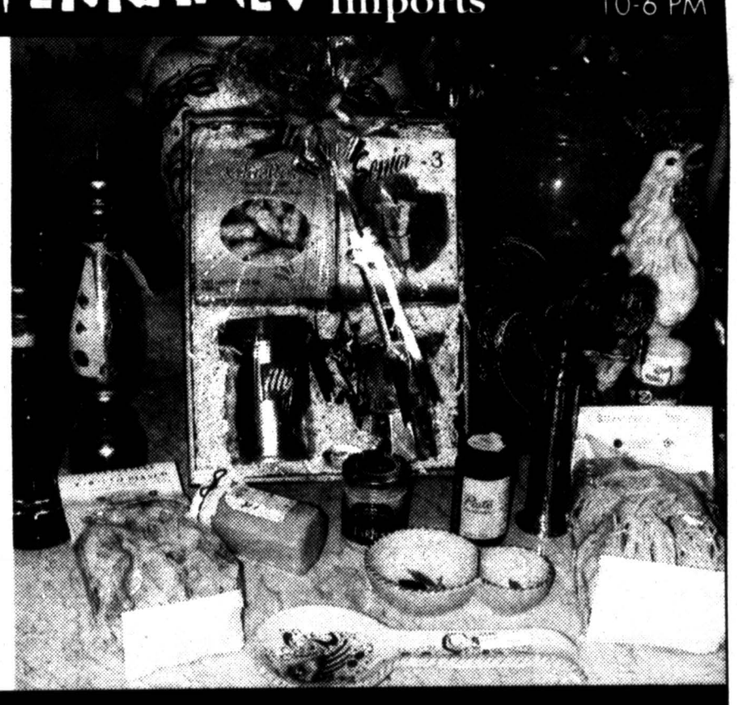
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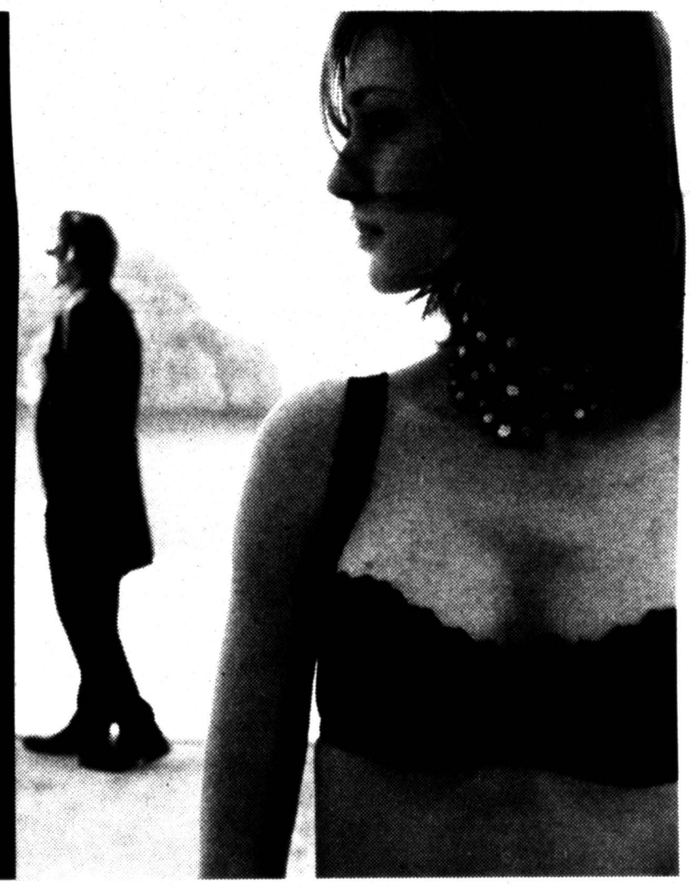

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Today's Real Estate

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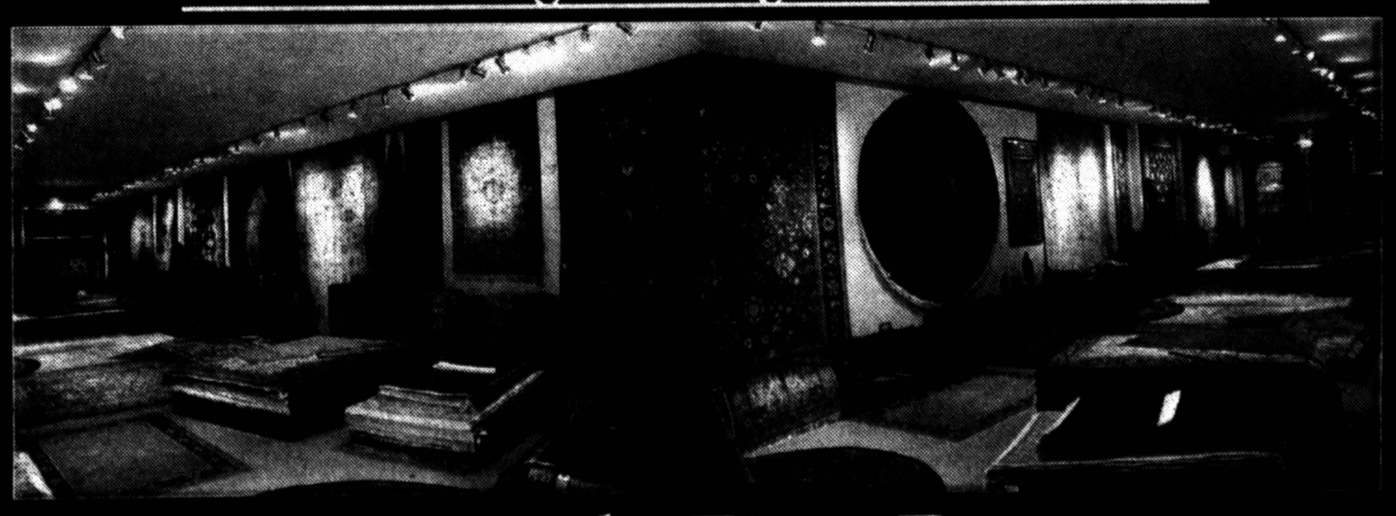
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HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last week.

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver on a cell phone reported she was following a reckless driver at Carpenter and First. Both vehicles were stopped at Junipero and Sixth. After talking to both drivers, it was determined they were southbound on Highway 1 when both of them had "lane change" issues. When they entered Carmel, one began to follow the other and report her direction. While speaking with both of them, a pedestrian walked up and said she was almost hit by both drivers. They were counseled and sent on their way.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Property owner said he had posted his property as no trespassing. Original report taken on 12/31/03. Owner called back later and stated he had to move the sign and reattach it because someone had already broken the new sign post he had just installed.

Carmel Valley: Abandoned vehicle parked on Carmel Valley Road at Rancho San Carlos Road.

Carmel area: Malicious mischief at a Via Carmelita residence.

Pebble Beach: Information taken at a Ronda Road residence.

Pebble Beach: Traffic stop conducted on Club Road.

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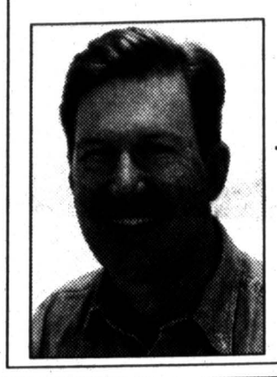

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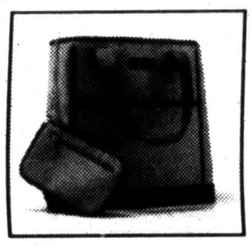

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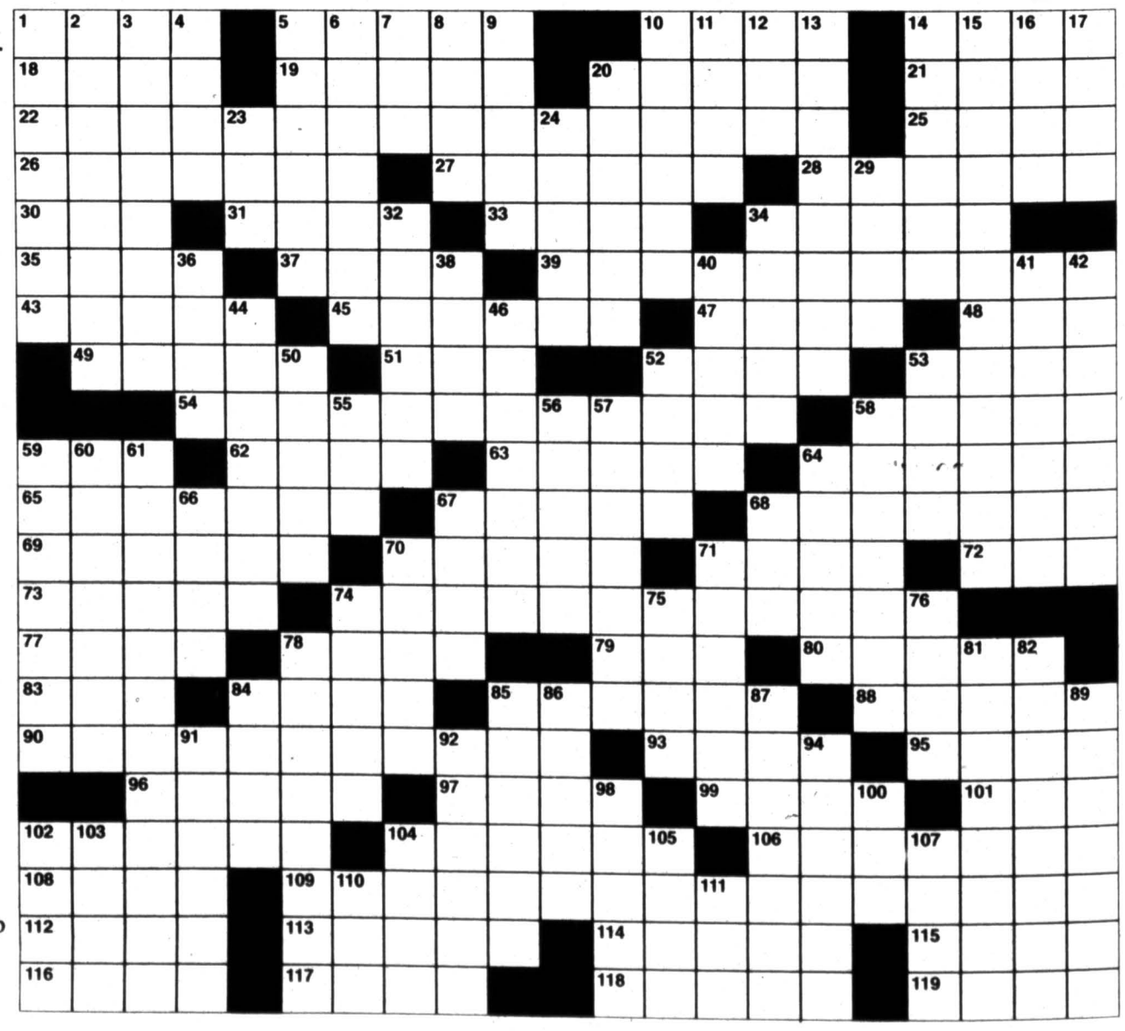

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108 Music from the Miracles, e.g.
109 Good for a returning traveler, bad for a bridge player
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116 Chichi
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10 Joint
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12 Ipanema locale
13 Brings together
14 Snacks for Dorothy on the Yellow Brick Road
15 Good for a scientist, bad for a roofer
16 Cordelia's father
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SALESMAN 'BEATING BUSHES' TO HELP FIND ANOTHER KIDNEY DONOR

By MARY BROWNFIELD

DIANE CARROLL, the Carmel diabetes sufferer whose kidneys are failing, came so close to receiving an organ transplant that she and potential donor Patrick Sahli began joking she'd have to tell people she was "mostly 51."

Most of her would be 51 years old, but her kidney would be 56.

But Carroll, an interior designer, learned last week she wouldn't be getting a healthy kidney from Sahli after all. She heard the news when she called him to share her trepidation over beginning dialysis — the process in which a machine is used to clean the blood of waste products.

"I could hear his voice wasn't as strong as usual," said Carroll, who has gotten to know Sahli well since he first volunteered in October to donate one of his kidneys. When the UC San Francisco Medical Center notified him he'd been disqualified, "he said he felt terrible."

The news was a blow to Carroll, who had grown more hopeful as test after test indicated Sahli's type-O blood and hers were compatible and that he was a viable donor. Ultrasound later revealed a stone in one of his kidneys — a disqualifier, since donation would leave either Carroll or Sahli with a stone-producing organ.

"I was really bummed, to the point of tears, because I wanted to do it," Sahli said.

But he didn't give up. He switched on his sales pitch — he's a realtor with John Saar Properties — and tried to convince the medical center to go ahead with the transplant regardless.

When that failed, he realized he had to find another way to help.

"God is causing me to do what I do best, which is beating bushes," he said. "Honestly, donating kidneys is a lot easier than beating bushes."

Sahli hopes his story — including the ease of testing and what he learned about the process of donating — will inspire others to offer their help to Carroll.

"I'd like to let other potential donors know what a piece of cake it is [to be tested and to donate] and how rewarding," he said. "Someone can have this pleasure, and Diane can have a kidney."

PHOTO/MARY BROWNFIELD

Diane Carroll

The process

"Some people are givers and some people are takers, and I've always wanted, for 56 years, to seriously put myself on the giver side of the equation," Sahli explained. He'd always considered donating an organ, but having two children and a wife made him sideline the notion, "not out of selfishness, but out of responsibility."

Then his 21-year-old son died in a Los Angeles car accident 10 years ago. "He had a body full of healthy organs that went into the ground with him," he said. "We felt bad about that."

His recent divorce and the more recent death of a fellow real estate agent renewed Sahli's desire to donate. "Eight people have lives at all, or at least better lives, because of her," Sahli said of his coworker, whose corneas, lungs, liver, pancreas and kidneys were donated.

Two weeks later, Sahli learned of Carroll's need and was soon undergoing the first round of blood tests at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

A week later, the donor coordinator at UCSF called to say he'd passed the first step, and after another six-week wait, Sahli reported for more tests and gave more samples.

"The tests for that Wednesday were to make sure the donor can donate, that the donor can survive a problem in surgery," he said. It included a pulmonary exam, tests of his lung capacity, a chest x-ray, a physical examination and ultrasound, "which in fact was the one I failed."

Had he passed, Sahli would take the final step: a laparoscopic donor nephrectomy, in which four small incisions and a scope are used to disconnect the kidney and a small horizontal incision below the navel is its exit from the body. According to UCSF, the procedure generally requires no longer than three days in the hospital and a few weeks away from work, and most donors are eligible for this procedure.

Sahli was willing, and hopes others might be.

"Diane only needs 12 ounces of kidney, but it's hard to convince people to part with 12 ounces of kidney," Sahli said.

Miracles

Although disappointed, Carroll has had some practice handling bad news. Several months ago, an interior design client offered to donate and also made it through preliminary tests, but was disqualified when it was discovered she could have trouble with the surgery.

Carroll, who spent much of her life trying to appear as if nothing was wrong, said revealing her need and getting a response have drastically affected her.

"What a miracle for me to know that, and what a great learning process for me to know there are people of that mind," she said. "I've been fortunate — I've had two miracles — two people have come forward."

She uses that same mindset to manage the illness that has steadily worsened over the 35 years since her diagnosis. After decades of watching her blood sugar, administering insulin, monitoring her diet and undergoing several eye surgeries, all the while facing the likelihood of complications such as stroke, heart attack and kidney failure, Carroll is now coping with the specter of hemodialysis.

"It's dealing with inevitability and wanting to find strength," she said. "It's all been a revelatory process, and I've become a little less guarded."

After having a fistula surgically implanted in her arm Feb. 3, she will spend four hours a day, three days a week, connected to a machine to cleanse her blood.

"I have to find the axle on which I can turn my thinking around," she said, admitting her first visit to the clinic was deeply depressing. "I'm looking at dialysis as an opportunity that's available to me. I have to go on it, so I'm trying to see how I can look at it as being a positive: The transplant will happen, but this is what I need to do in preparation."

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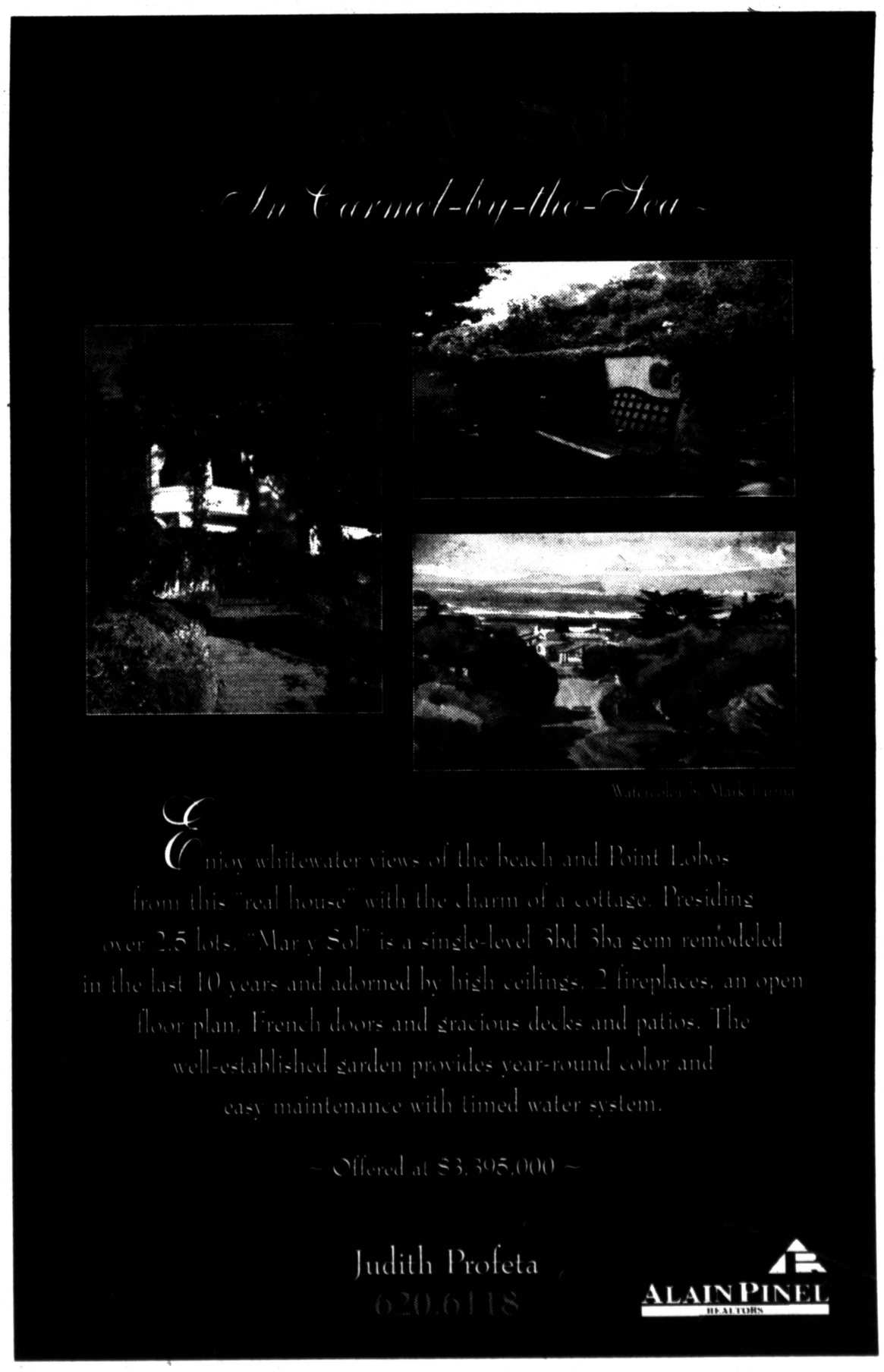
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Divers, 'water weasel' will unblock sewer pipe

High surf prevents immediate repair

By PAUL MILLER

A HIGH-TECH diving company that specializes in repairing undersea oil and gas pipelines will anchor a 75-foot cruiser off Carmel River State Beach as soon as the winter surf calms down. A team of divers — attached to the ship by umbilicals — will then go below the surface to clear the sand that's blocking the outfall from the Carmel sewage treatment plant.

"Because the job is so near the shore, we'll have to use a boat with a three-point mooring system so it can be anchored securely over the work site," said Ted Roche, President of Divecon, based in Oxnard. "But even with three anchors, the waves have to be really small to keep the boat on location, and to protect the divers working in the surf."

He said his company is in daily contact with a long-range weather forecasting company. "All the equipment is located on trucks ready to go, and the boat is in Santa Barbara ready to head to Monterey. As soon as we get the word that conditions look right, we'll move," Roche said.

A Divecon project manager visited Carmel Tuesday to plan the difficult clean-out job, which was approved by the waste-water district board of directors last Thursday.

"There are three things they have to do to fix the outfall," said Ray von Dohren, general manager of the sewer plant, which might have to discharge treated sewage into the Carmel River Lagoon if the outfall isn't repaired soon. "First, they have to remove the blockage from a straight section of pipe. Then, they have to clear any sand from a pipe that branches off. And then they have to repair the hole where the sand was able to enter."

The hole in the outfall pipe, about 4 by 8 inches, was discovered last summer. A repair attempt had to be put off when the pipe was found to be buried in sand — sand which later flowed into the pipe, blocking 80 to 90 percent of it.

In dry weather, the plant is still able to handle the sewage flows, von Dohren said. But a big storm could overwhelm the capacity of the blocked pipe.

"We've been lucky with the weather so far," von Dohren said. But he's hoping the repair project — which could cost from $100,000 to $400,000, depending on how long it takes — will be completed soon.

"The first thing we'll do is excavate the end of the main pipe, if it is buried," Roche explained. "Then we'll take off the steel plate covering the end of the pipe and remove the material that's blocking it." A water weasel — which uses water pressure to break-up compacted material — will loosen the sand and a water vacuum will suck it out. "And once the pipe begins to open, we'll use the outfall to help flush the sand out," Roche said.

The same technique will be used to clear the second pipe, which has ten diffusers on it, spaced 10 feet apart, to make sure the treated sewage is diluted as soon as it enters the sea.

Finally, the hole in the main pipe — which is so close to shore, treated sewage can be seen bubbling from it at low tide — will be patched. Roche did not predict how long the job would take."

"If the pipes have a lot of sand, it will be a lengthy process," von Dohren said. And he could not say when the job would begin. "We're just waiting for the sea conditions to improve."

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The outfall pipe from the Carmel sewage treatment plant (arrow) has a hole in it about 20 feet offshore (X) which has allowed sand to fill the pipe, blocking it and drastically reducing its capacity. As soon as wave conditions permit, divers will try to clear the pipe and patch the hole. The mouth of the Carmel River is in the center of this aerial view.

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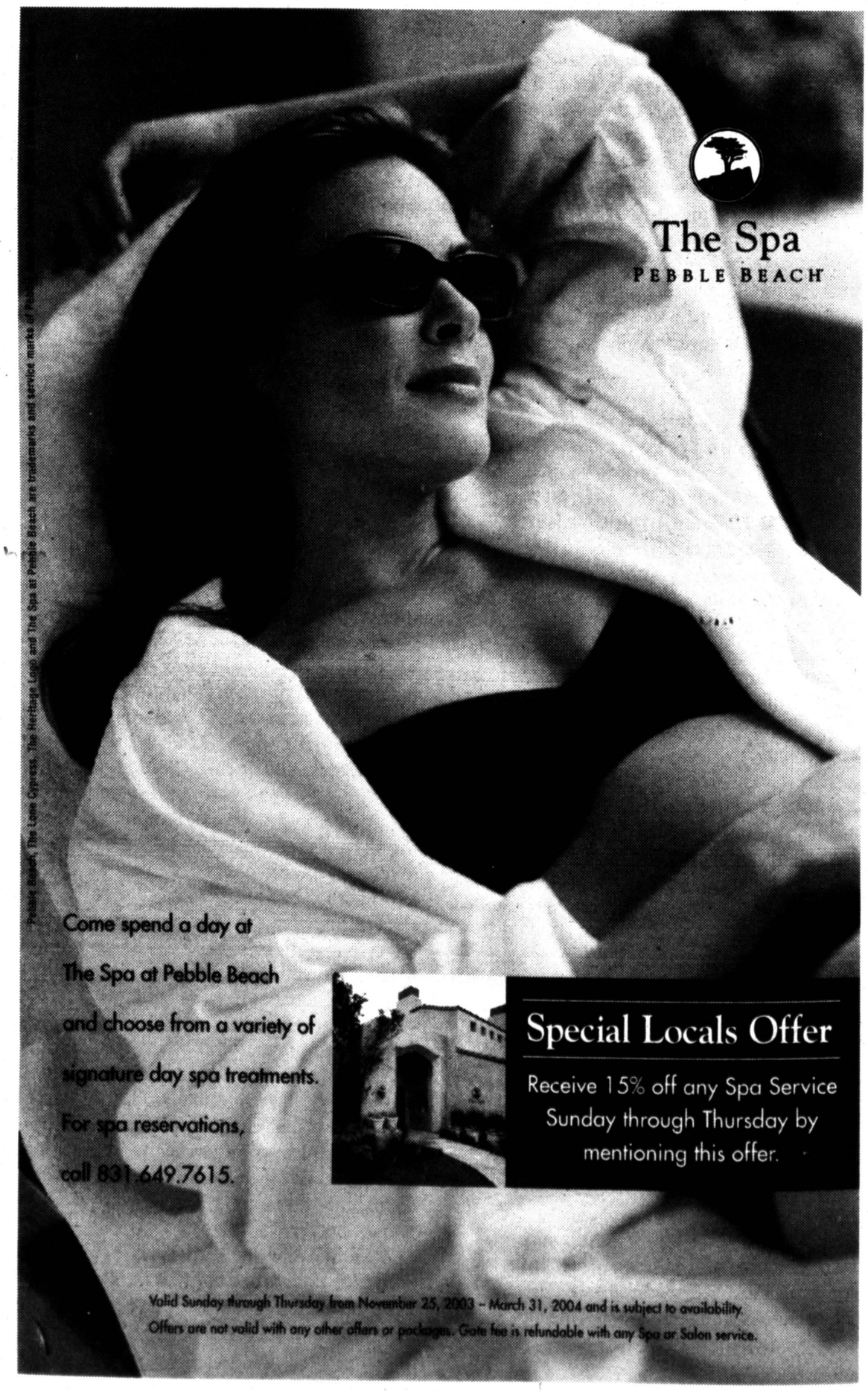
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Dump manager opposes expanded ban on electronics

'DON'T BAN UNTIL YOU PLAN'

By KIRSTIE WILDE

AS HE looks ahead to retirement after 25 years running the Marina dump, Dave Myers wonders what kind of new regulations California lawmakers will dream up next. He finds wry amusement at the silliness of some of their past proclamations — like banning TVs and computer monitors from state dumps even though they don't hurt anything — even as he proudly bequeaths a landfill that will take care of the Monterey Peninsula's refuse for the next 100 years.

"We have a new motto: Don't ban until you plan," Myers said this week. "The state has tentatively proposed to expand the landfill ban on electronics in 2006 or 2007, but we don't think it's necessary because the landfills don't have a problem with lead leaching out, which was the purpose of the ban on TVs and monitors in the first place."

Myers explained that long ago the state required landfills to install tough liners of clay and plastic, with drainage systems to collect the leachate. "Why did we put the liners in if the state is going to ban anything that might be a problem?" he asked. "It's kind of overkill."

As evidence, Myers points to a recent study done by the solid waste association. "It concludes that new landfills should not have a problem with heavy metals because they stay in the landfill and will be there forever without leaching out," he said. The scientists determined that liners like the ones at the Marina dump — formally the Monterey Regional Waste Management District Sanitary Landfill and Recycling Facility — will last for hundreds of years, Myers said.

"We're generally opposing any new bans until they learn if there really is a problem, and have a logical plan for dealing with the banned materials."

In the meantime, people who bring TVs and computer monitors to the dump for disposal will continue to be charged $10 to $20, depending on the size of the TVs, to get rid of them. The electronics are then trucked to Arizona where their lead is supposed to be recycled before they are thrown in landfills. Meanwhile, Arizonans can toss their own computers and TVs into the dumps because there is no law banning the practice there.

Sacramento's solution

Myers cited other ironies in the way California bureaucrats handle the politics of trash. The goofiest is the way the City of Sacramento disposes of its own waste: It is trucked up I-80, across the Sierra Nevada into Carson City, where it can fill up much cheaper landfill space. "So the capital of California sends its garbage to the capital of Nevada to save money," he said.

Meanwhile, neighboring cities like San Jose subsidize their green waste recycling with tax money to such an extent that Monterey County farmers are abandoning compost made from green waste at home for "imported" compost.

"Our composter was doing fairly well and we were able to sell the ground-up green waste for $4 a ton. But since San Jose is basically giving it away, we're lucky to get $1 a ton from our farmers now," Myers said.

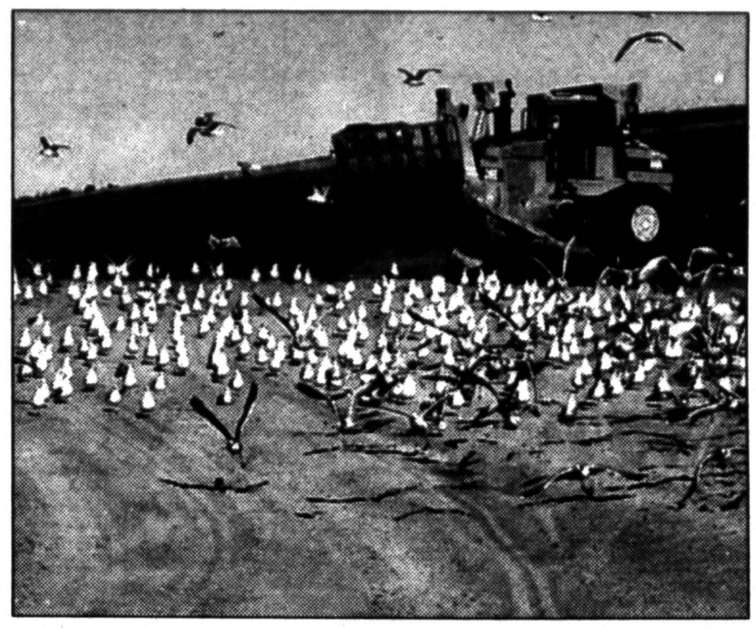
And more and more green waste pours in, especially since most local cities require homeowners to have a separate yardwaste recycling can.

But the green waste program, coupled with the big increase in recycling since the introduction of commingled recycling containers last year, decreased the amount of waste dumped into the local landfill. The diversion and recycling programs here have been so successful that every city on the Monterey Peninsula has exceeded the state mandate for 50 percent recycling.

"All the cities are between 50 and 60 percent," Myers said. "Monterey is over 60 percent and Carmel is at 53 percent." Statewide, the average is 48 percent, he said.

A little overboard

Myers' final example of landfill lunacy is reserved for San Francisco, which decided to start recycling food waste because it didn't have enough yard clippings. "They combined food waste with 'tissue recycling' — the stuff you'd find in your bathroom wastebasket — and set out to compost it. But they have to truck it all the way to Vacaville to accomplish that, which is expensive. That's going a little overboard, I think."



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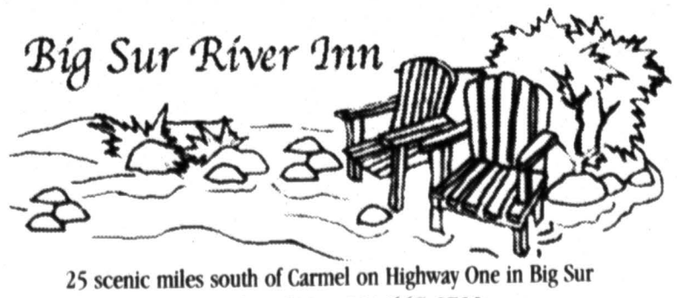

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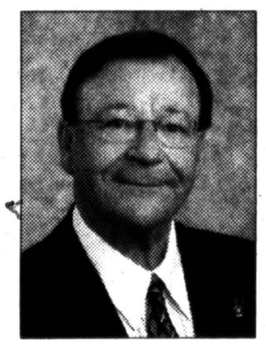

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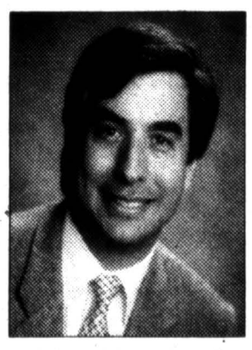

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CARMEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

By HILARY HANLON

GOLD BALLOONS tied to oak trees waved in the breeze at Carmel Presbyterian Church Sunday, greeting the young and old who gathered to celebrate their 50-year history as a church.

A computerized slide show, special pastoral message and a time for reminiscing on the church's Friendship Courtyard were the highlights of the day, which took its message from the Bible's Book of Romans, a reminder of God's redeeming power in all of life's hardships.

"Truly bad things happen in all of our lives, but to those of us who are trusting in God He works those things together for our good. Over our last 50 years as a church, the good times have outweighed the bad," said Dr. Robert Ohman in his opening lines of the day's sermon.

PHOTOS/COURTESY CARMEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Only one year after the Carmel Presbyterian Church opened its doors in 1955, President and Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower attended services there, invited by the pastor's 13-year-old granddaughter. The church spire is one of the first village sites visible to those entering Carmel-by-the-Sea at Ocean and Junipero.

His words represent the foundation that has held the church together during the sometimes rocky and uncertain times of its life.

A remarkable story of perseverance begins the church's history. In 1953 the founding pastor, Dr. Harry Clayton Rogers, came to Carmel planning to retire here. But when he realized that there were no Presbyterian churches in town, he sought to establish one.

Immediately a flood of opposition came from city planners who did not want "another church in town."

Undeterred, Rogers and a local committee pressed on and presented use permits applications to the Carmel Planning Commission for two separate sites — and both times they were turned down. Depicted in one local paper as "A Church Without a Home," Rogers and his early founders worshipped at the Carmel Woman's Club while waiting for a permanent location. After meeting multiple refusals and denials by the planning commission and city council, the church maintained its faith and belief that a site would become available. Finally, the city granted the Carmel Presbyterian Church a use permit for the property at Junipero and Ocean. On Sept. 11, 1955, they held their first service.

"Our years as a church have been nothing less than miraculous," said Glen Fisk, congregational pastor who has been in the church's ministry for as many years as the church is old.

It is said that during the dedication of the church site in 1954, a dove circled around and lighted on a bough just over the minister's head. Many of the members in attendance were reduced to tears at the dove's presence and believed its visit held spiritual beauty and significance.

Another amazing moment in the church's past features the day President and Mrs. Eisenhower came to worship with them in 1956. Eisenhower agreed to attend the church at the request of Pastor Rogers's granddaughter, 13-year old Sally Campbell, who wrote a letter to the President and invited him to visit them at their church.

"We knew the President planned to be in the area for a convention and wondered if he, being a Presbyterian, might want to join us that Sunday for service," said Campbell. Today a plaque marks the pew he occupied.

Over the years, the church saw a steady increase in its focus on children with school, camps, Bible studies and youth groups established and thriving.

"The youth outreach is the greatest it has ever been in our history and I credit the unbelievable leadership that we have today," said Shelby Butzlaff, church member since 1965.

Another prospering ministry begun at Carmel Presbyterian Church is the The Yellow Brick Road, a well-known local benefit shop, started in the '80s by the then-pastor's wife. This woman's vision to reach out and meet crucial needs in the community and surrounding peninsula continues today.

Images of ice cream socials, campouts, church gatherings from years past were projected on a screen evoking laughter from those in attendance, many of them only children when they started attending the church in the 1950s. The celebration concluded with a moving presentation by Sally Rogers Campbell, the founding pastor's daughter, now 92. As she was escorted in a wheelchair up to the front of the sanctuary, the congregation stood in tearful applause.

To some the unusually strong leadership and the wondrous nature of this church's history, may seem to be only good luck, but to those who call Carmel Presbyterian Church their place of worship, they are no less than signs of God's presence along the way.

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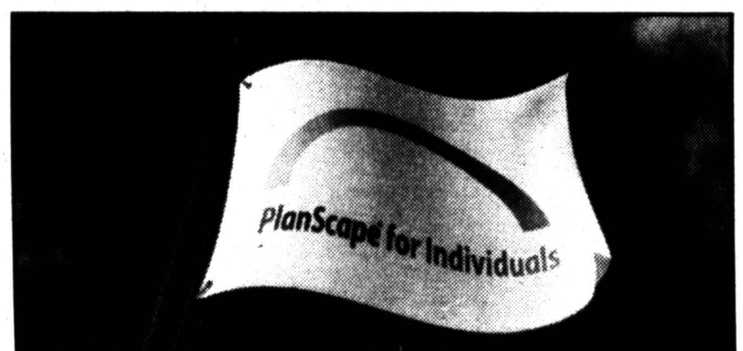

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"Those goals are not only attainable, but awfully important to shoot for," he told the council.

Marketing mandatory

To achieve its goals, the nonprofit would need to reach new audiences and bring new entertainment to town, according to O'Such, a businessman and venture capitalist who lives on San Antonio Avenue. With classical music dominating the schedule and many performers booked midweek, theater attendance relies heavily on locals. Performance Carmel, the city-sponsored series, is attracting younger audiences but will run a $2,000 deficit this year.

"The best analogy is that you're following the 'Field of Dreams' strategy — if you build it, they will come — and it's not working."

— Fred O'Such

"Revenues are flat, and if you add inflation, they're going down, so you're drifting," O'Such said. "The best analogy is that you're following the 'Field of Dreams' strategy — if you build it, they will come — and it's not working. We've got to seek a better balance between the presenters, Performance Carmel, community groups, our audiences and businesses."

He acknowledged that trying to quickly recoup the costs on the backs of Sunset Center users or ticket buyers would fail and the theater would close.

Instead, SCC would seek more live performances by groups suited to its 718-seat size, such as guest theater and dance companies, the Monterey Jazz Festival, the Monterey Blues Festival and some big-name entertainers, while preserving its commitment to 55 nights of classical music a year. Wynton Marsalis' two performances brought in the highest rental fees so far this year: $5,649.

Developing "partnership relationships" with the users, establishing a lecture series and a grant-funded youth education program, seeking sponsorships and maintaining free parking after 6 p.m. would help the theater grow, according to the group.

Farther down the line, other uses, such as family-oriented performances on weekend afternoons, a winter holiday festival, afternoon performances for older audiences, small conferences, a film festival, a POPS concert series and a series of outstanding young performers could be added to the mix.

But to reach more audiences, Sunset Center needs a website and a preview brochure, according to O'Such. A centralized box office would boost ease of ordering while developing a customer database, though some user groups are concerned about how a box office would affect their sales.

"It's an important area to explore, but not to shove down their throats," he said. "The point of all this is to attract the next generation of theatergoers."

Making more money

Adding a $1-$2 facility use fee to each ticket (except for very low-priced tickets like those for school performances) would generate $92,000 in its first year, according to the SCC. The group would also increase theater rental fees and take 10-20 percent of ticket sales. Nonprofit presenters would receive grants over the next two years to help offset the increase.

As a private nonprofit managing the center, SCC directors said the group would have more flexibility in decision making, could focus exclusively on Sunset, would use its skills and business experience in deal making, take care of the buildings, be budget wise and respond more quickly than a city department could.

O'Such and board president Jim Price urged the council to act quickly, citing the need to begin the search for a new executive director and to let performance groups know whether a facility use fee will be added to their ticket prices. The Carmel Bach Festival, preparing for its summer series, has delayed printing its brochures in anticipation of the change.

The risk of continuing to operate Sunset Center with city employees and volunteers is high, O'Such said, because "you've got a cost base, and unless you do something miraculous, those costs will creep over time. You have a venue based on classical music and an aging audience. You'll get yourselves into a squeeze where you're going to be [subsidizing] at this 80 percent level ad infinitum."

SCC wants the city to approve an agreement with a three-year initial commitment to begin operations July 1.

City vs. nonprofit

Following the presentation, some members of the public returned to the question of whether Sunset should be run by a private nonprofit corporation at all.

"The city could hire, just as easily as they [SCC] could, a competent staff that would run this properly, giving them the power and responsibility to run it properly," resident Olof Dahlstrand said. "The city would still have complete control. I think the public has been quite upset, and I'm hoping this upcoming public forum will bring out some thoughts and feelings on this."

Community and cultural commissioner Carol Hilburn thanked the council for the opportunity to present a list of issues the commission believes should be addressed in any agreement between a nonprofit manager and the city, including open meetings and limitations on city subsidies.

She listed the reasons for pursuing outside management, then added, "I'm not sure they are sufficient reasons to go this route, but those are the reasons we've been shown so far, and I hope that on the 29th, you will add some meat to the bones."

But resident Clay Berling said he would be ecstatic if a group of qualified professionals had volunteered to analyze and operate his businesses.

"My confidence is bolstered by the expertise of this group, their ability to make the right decisions without political interference, and their ability to act expeditiously to take advantage of the best opportunities," he said. "Ultimately the city and its council have the responsibility to watchdog over this nonprofit group. That is the way things are done in a representative democracy."

Cultural commissioner Denny Gambill spoke against requiring SCC to open its board meetings to the public.

"I remain convinced that the group of people in the SCC, in the small city of Carmel-by-the-Sea, are not going to be able to do a heck of a lot we wouldn't want them to do," he said.

Councilman Dick Ely, who is running for mayor, advocated thorough research prior to making a decision.

"As a council, and as a community, we need to take a very, very hard look at what we're doing and what the alternatives are," he said. "We need to get our arms around this proposal and look at the management agreement and make darn sure it is developed in a way that we as a community can live with and get the best out of it."

The best way to operate Sunset is clear, councilman Gerard Rose said.

"The Sunset Center complex needs to be run like a business, and the best prospect for making it run like a business is the proposal made to us by SCC," he said.

"It's not the best proposal we've heard; it's the only proposal we've heard," councilwoman Barbara Livingston responded. "I think we've drifted into default here."

More concerns should be aired and addressed at a forum on Sunset Center management set for 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, in Diment Hall at the Carmel Foundation. While the council had planned to make a decision at its Feb. 3 meeting, city attorney Don Freeman said drafting the documents will likely require more time. But the council might still address some of the more urgent questions, such as a facility use fee and recruitment of an executive director.

"I'd like to leave you with one thought," McCloud said at the end of the hearing. "Our objective tonight and in these sessions is to feel unity and consensus, so we will all feel pride in what we have in Sunset."

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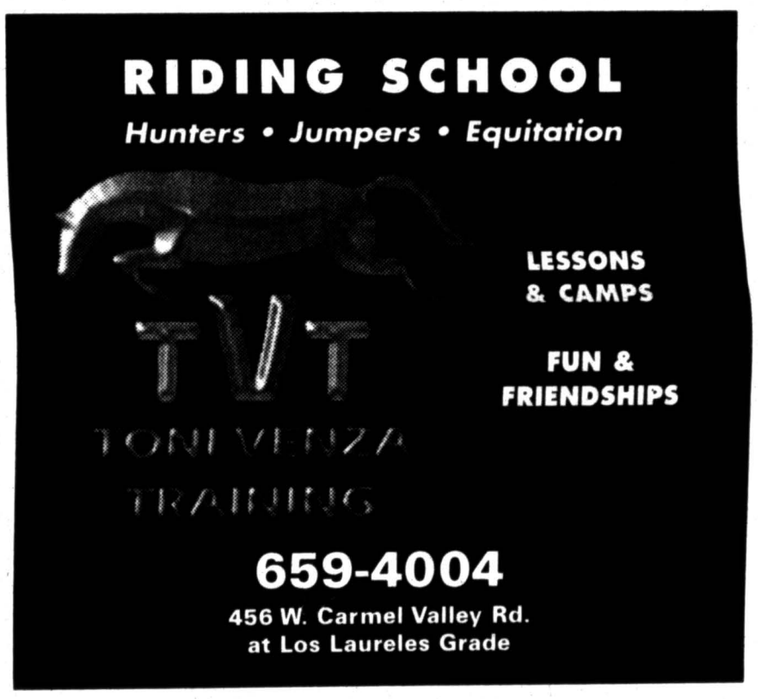

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Water, short-term rentals, EIR top agenda for DMFPO head

By PAUL MILLER

A MONTEREY real estate appraiser and 11-year resident of Pebble Beach was elected president of the Del Monte Forest Property Owners association last week.

Jack Kidder takes over from Jim Nero, whose term ended Dec. 12.

"The biggest issue we'll be looking at in the coming year is the Pebble Beach development and forest preservation project," Kidder said. "We're expecting the environmental impact report on the project to be released at the end of this month."

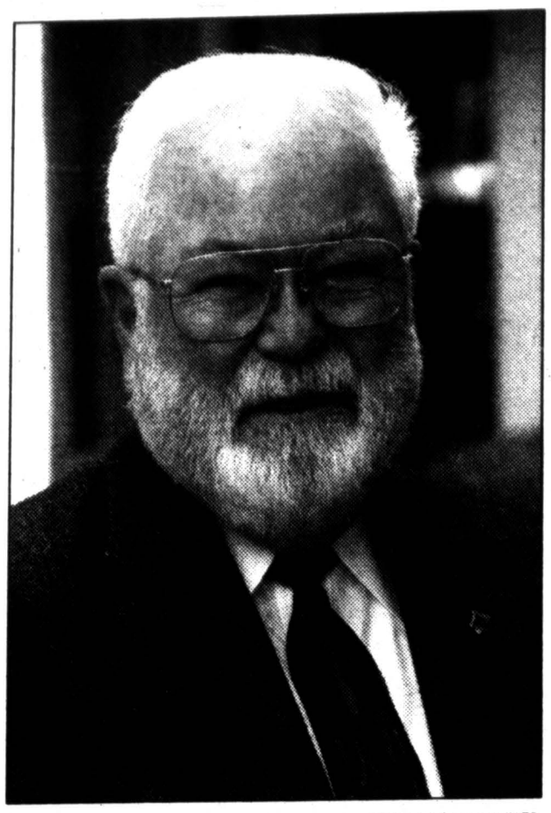
The Pebble Beach Company, which owns land zoned for almost 900 homes in Del Monte Forest, received voter approval in 2000 to rezone the land for 250 hotel rooms, a new golf course and a new equestrian center. But that proposal still needs approval by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and the California Coastal Commission.

The commission has recently moved toward strict protection of Monterey pines, possibly to stop the P.B. Co's plans. The viability of native stands of Monterey pine — one of the most plentiful trees in the world, with vast forests planted in South America Australia and New Zealand — is one of the issues analyzed in the EIR.

Also getting a careful look in the EIR are impacts on rare plants such as Yadon's piperia, water use, and traffic congestion, especially at the convoluted intersection of Highway 1, Highway 68 and the 17 Mile Drive gate.

Once released, CD-ROM copies of the Pebble Beach EIR will be sold by the county planning department for $10 each. But Nero said the DMFPO will make their own copies and give them to members. Comments from Pebble Beach residents will be welcomed by the DMFPO board, which will submit written comments to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors before it decides whether to approve the P.B. project.

Kidder said the DMFPO board, which meets the second Tuesday of every month, is "on the way to solving the problem of vacation rentals" in Pebble Beach.



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Jack Kidder

'Maybe there's a way it could be carried a bit further to see if there's some excess water residents could use for irrigation and fire safety, thereby freeing up potable water for use elsewhere.'

— Jack Kidder

"In December, the board of supervisors passed a moratorium on the issuance of permits for short-term rentals," Kidder said, which will give the group time to study the issue. "We're not in favor of banning them altogether, but the present ordinance allows houses to be rented just like motel rooms."

Instead, his group wants homeowners to be able to rent short-term for no more than two weeks a year.

He also said he would be closely monitoring the expansion of the water reclamation project, which will improve the quality of non-potable water available for irrigation on the golf courses and athletic fields in Pebble Beach.

"Maybe there's a way it could be carried a bit further to see if there's some excess water residents could use for irrigation and fire safety, thereby freeing up potable water for use elsewhere," Kidder said.

Nero said the highlights of his year as DMFPO president included making sure there was a paramedic on duty in Pebble Beach 24/7, "so if anybody has a heart attack, they'll get a response in 3.5 minutes," working with the P.B. Co. to improve cell phone coverage in the forest, and monitoring the old water board's deliberations.

"I was spending 30 hours a week on the job," Nero said.

The DMFPO also tracks development in Del Monte Forest, home to some of California's most exclusive real estate.

According to the group's website, there are currently 84 construction projects on the 2,068 lots the forest — 11 new construction and 73 "teardown/rebuilds." There are also 146 vacant lots.

Other members of the current DMFPO board are Rick Verbanec (vice president), Jacqueline Seaton (secretary), Eugeunia Andrews (treasurer), Bill Conners, Bill Robinson, Gerald Verhasselt, Bob Beck, Rick Srigley, June Stock and Jim Nero. For information about joining the DMFPO, call 625-3845.

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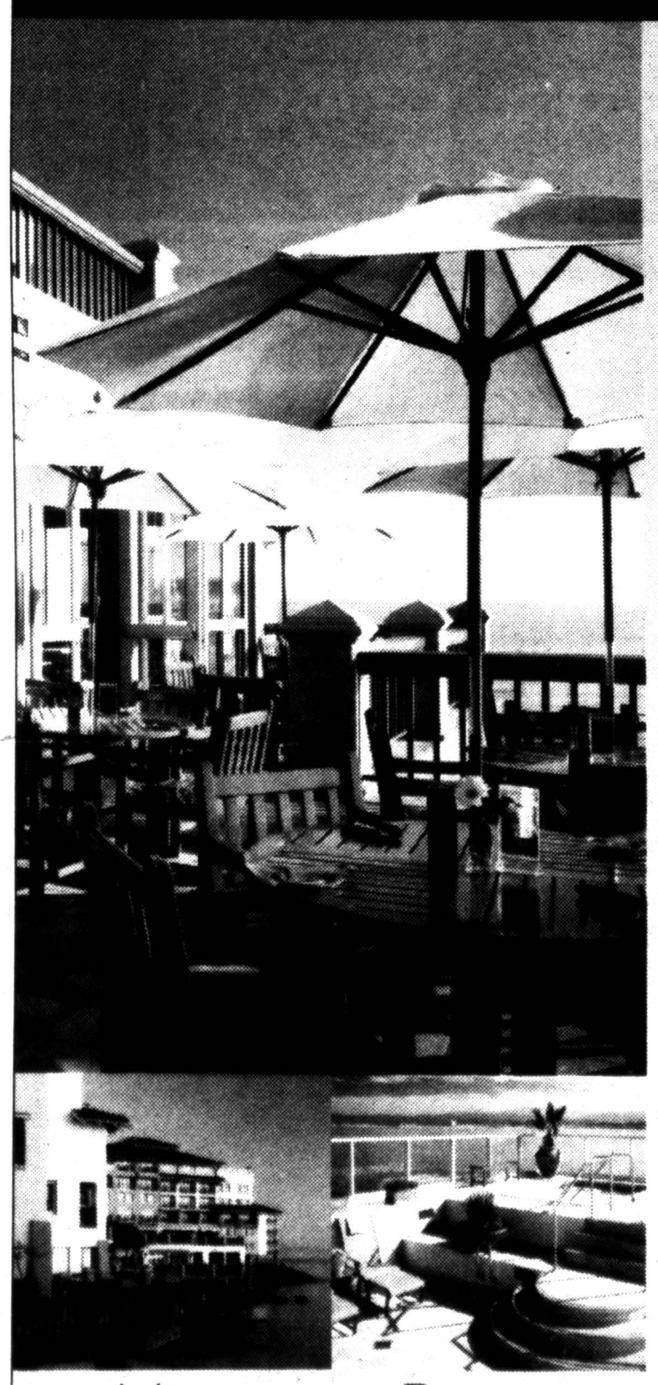

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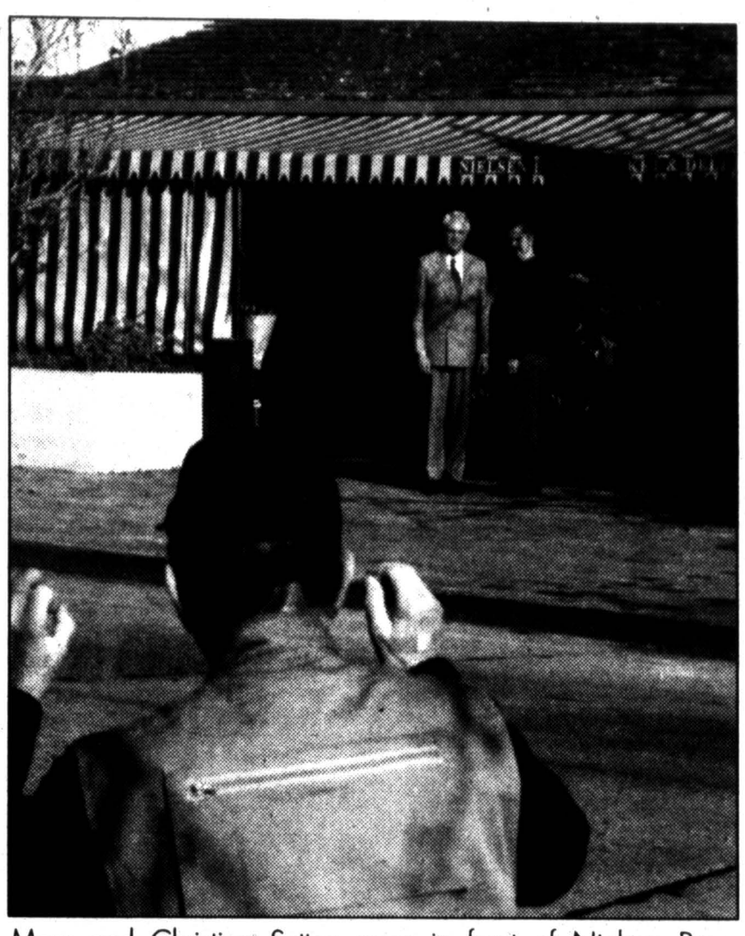
'I'm going to take a picture of every business and submit it to the city as an historic record.'

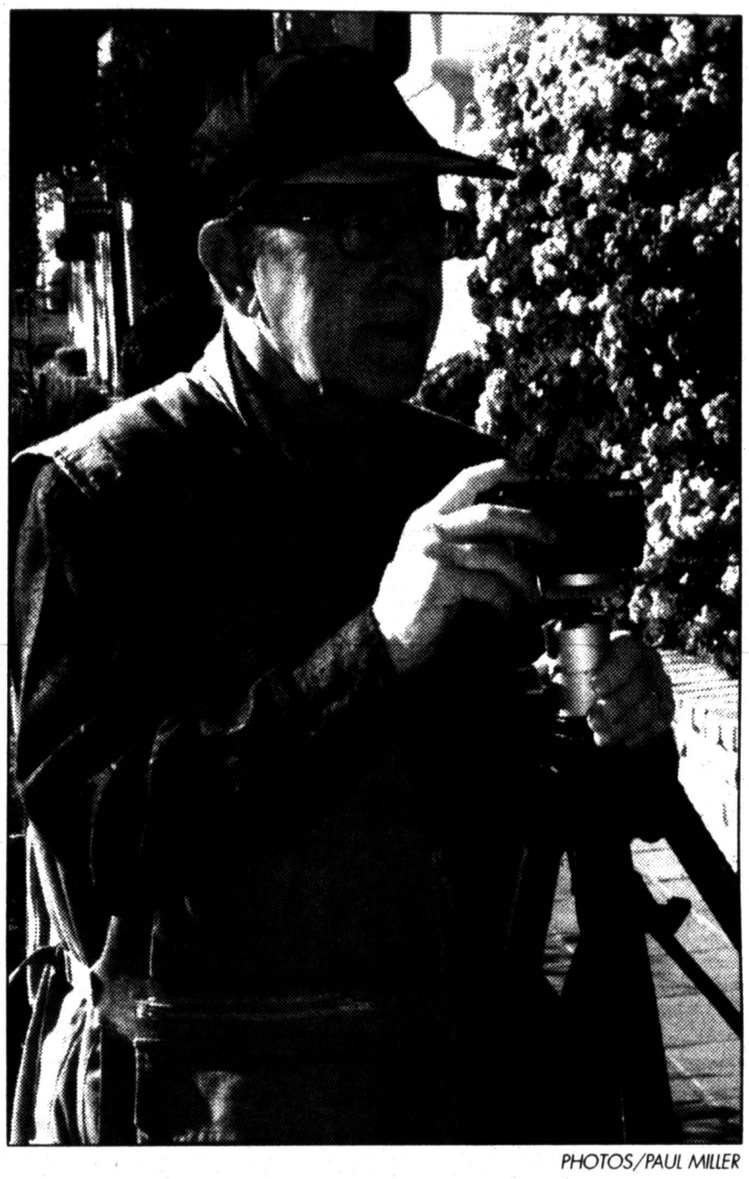
— John Livingstone

"I'm going to take a picture of every business and submit it to the city as an historic record," Livingstone said after getting the project under way this week. "I first had the idea 10 years ago, but it turned out not to be practical, because of the limits of film."

At the time, Livingston planned to turn prints into long panaromas of city blocks. Now, he'll be compiling images from a digital camera on CD-ROM.



Merv and Christian Sutton pose in front of Nielsen Bros. Market on San Carlos Street as a record of early 21st century business in Carmel-by-the-Sea.



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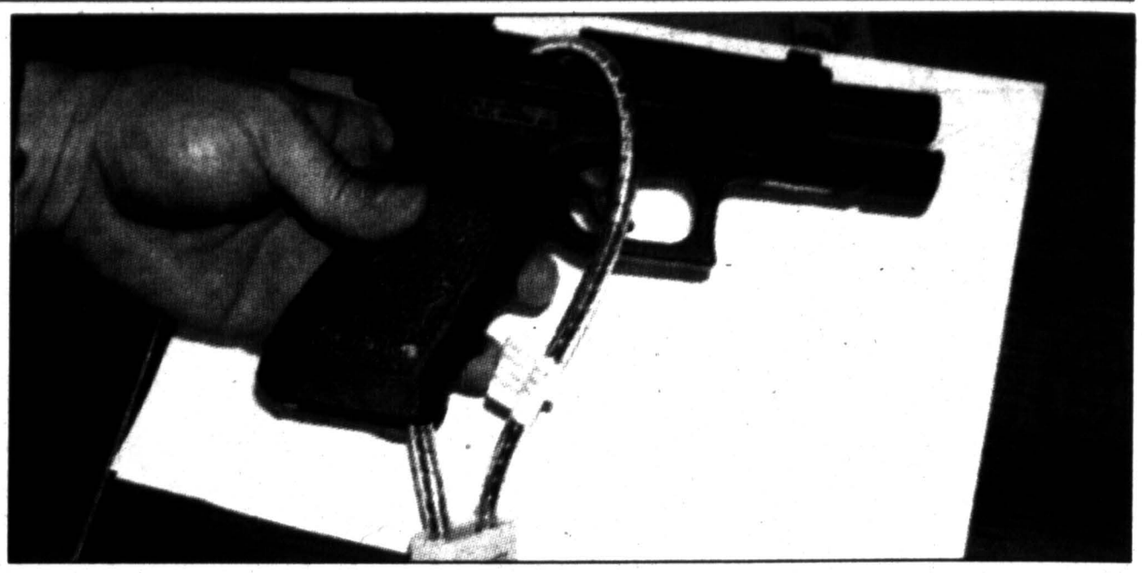

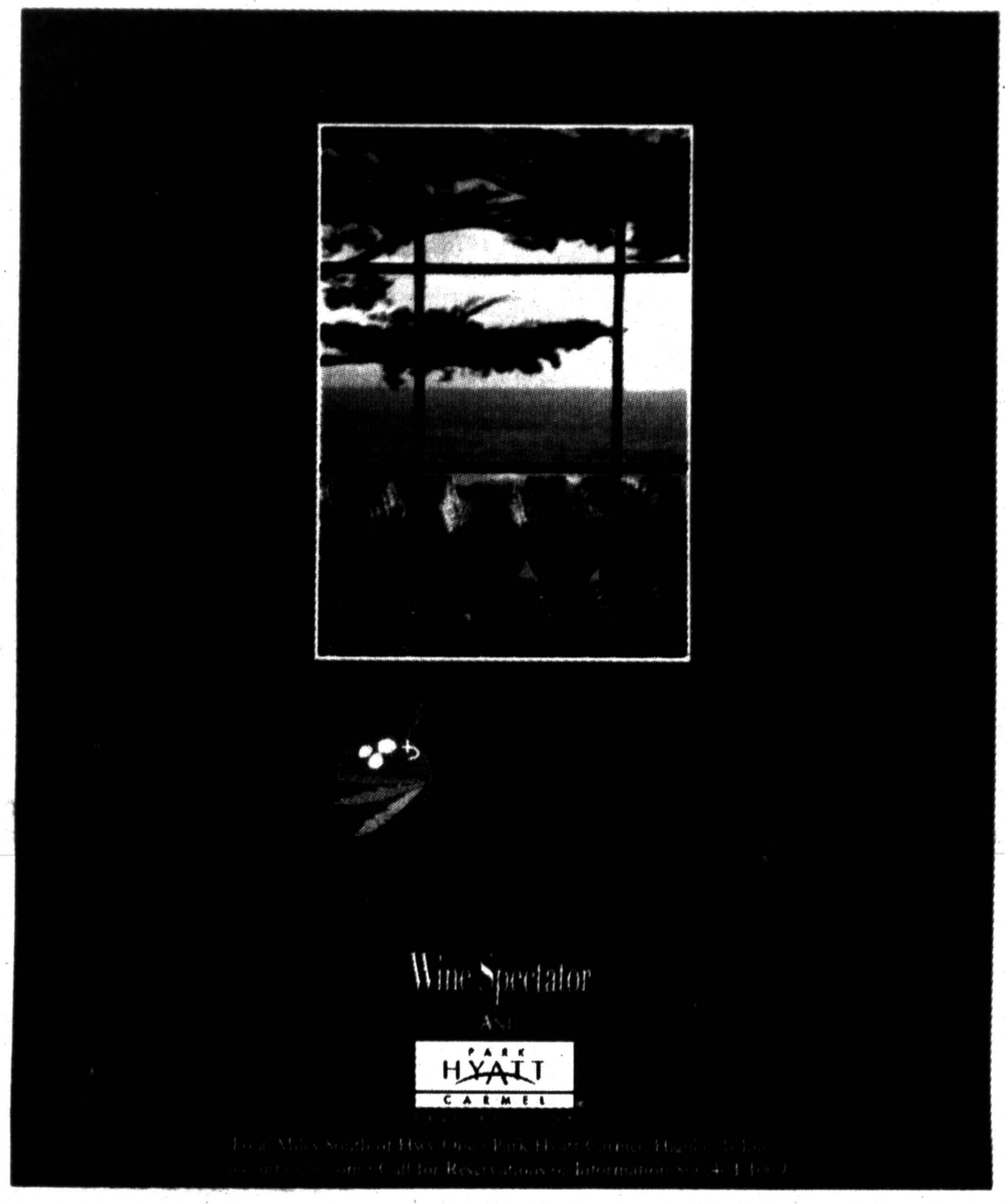

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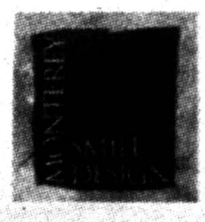

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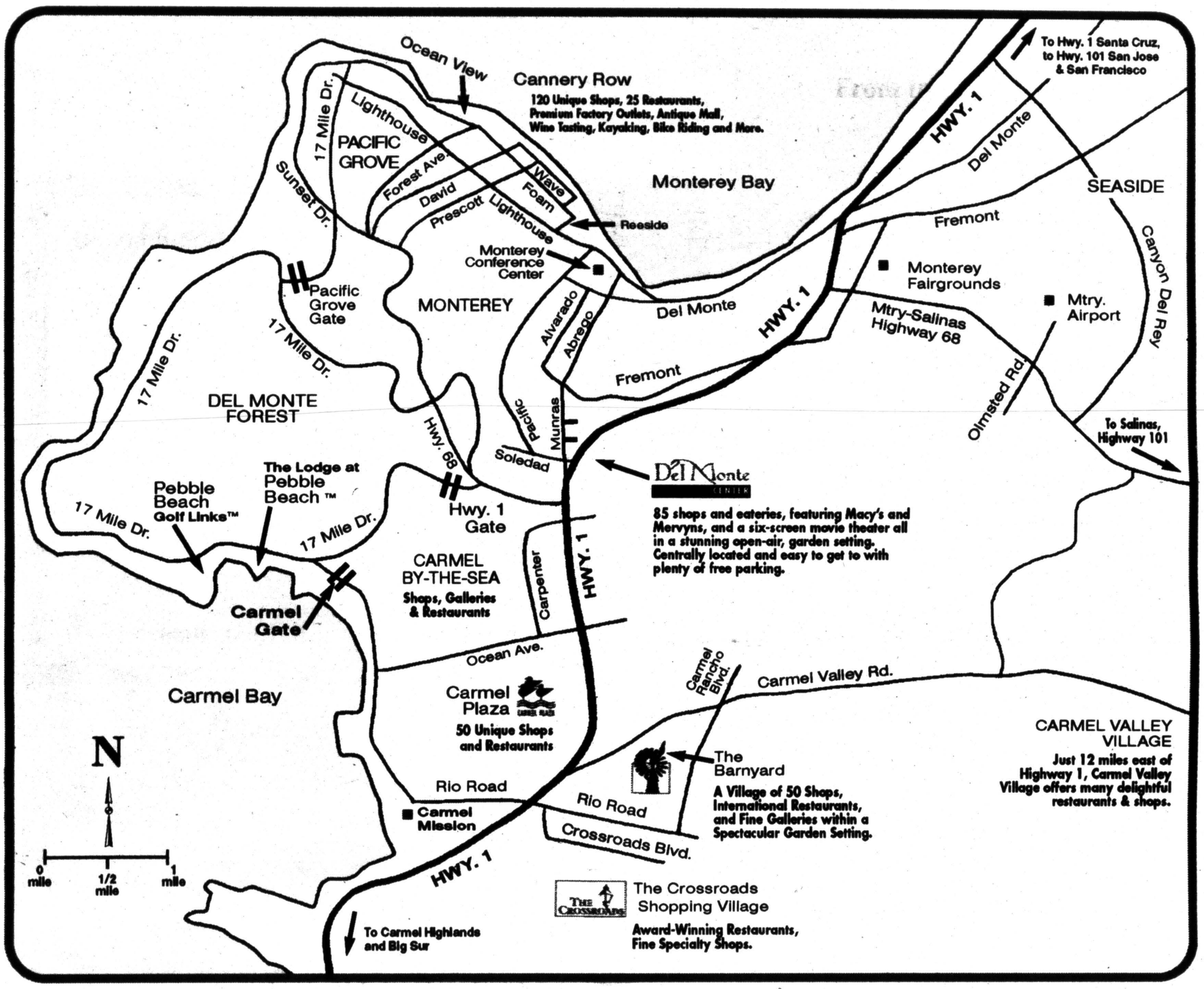

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Plugged In

By Stephen L. Vagnini

Taj Mahal, the venerable blues legend, took the band on the road and dubbed the septet the Phantom Blues Band after his recording of the same name. Together and separately, the seven members of the PBB have contributed to blues and rock 'n' roll musical history as session players and sidemen with a plethora of notable musicians including The Rolling Stones, Bonnie Raitt, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Little Feat, Jimi Hendrix, Crosby, Stills and Nash, John Fogerty and Ziggy Marley.

The concert starts at 7 p.m. The theater is located off Carmel Valley Road near Ford Road at the entrance to Carmel Valley Village. For more info and tickets call 625-1229.

At the Monterey Beach Hotel, pianist **David Kempton** and vocalist **Dino Vera** have been performing every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night for more than three years. Kempton, a computer programmer by day, has performed and recorded with a wide variety of top-notch artists including jazz trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie, saxophonist Brandon Fields, funkmeisters Paul Jackson and Mike Clark (the rhythm machine driving Herbie Hancock's famous Headhunters), ex-Monkee Michael Nesmith and Lou Rawls.

He has toured with Sam and Dave and Latin-jazz giant Willie Bobo, and played many of the top jazz venues in the world.

Vera has performed with pop icons Jimi Hendrix and James Taylor and spent years in New Orleans, honing his skills while playing with internationally known recording artist Fats Domino and Bourbon Street greats The Meters. His vocal skills are as multi-faceted as his experience, enabling him to sing Sinatra swingers and crooners, Jimmy Reed blues, and rhythm and blues hits in a definitely Ray Charles-tinged soulful groove.

Music starts at 6:30 p.m. Call 394-3321 for details.

At the Covey at Quail Lodge, pianist, composer, arranger and educator **Biff Smith** performs every Friday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. Smith has published big band charts for high school and college jazz ensembles, composed tunes appearing on recent recordings, and released his own CD, "Jazz Originals: Biff Smith Quartet." It features Bay Area musicians **Larry Schneider, Terry Miller** and **Eddie Marshall**.

A past member of the Board of Directors of the Monterey Jazz Festival, Smith currently teaches at the Robert Louis Stevenson School in Pebble Beach and, during the summers, teaches at the Berklee College of Music in Boston.

Saturday evenings at Quail, Brazilian pianist **Weber Iago** performs. A denizen of the Monterey Peninsula since 1987, Iago has worked, recorded and opened for many artists such as Herbie Hancock, Wayne Shorter, Dianne Reeves, James Newton and Maocir Santos as well as working as bandleader for his own group, Zen Blend. Most notably, Iago recorded two CDs with the great Brazilian guitarist Romero Lubambo ("Face to Face" and "Two") under the name Weber Drummond. Call 620-8860.

Martial arts master and the owner of Bodyworx Academy, **Adam Rogers** has touched the lives of many people in Monterey County. Next Saturday, Jan. 31, many of his friends and students will come to his aid in his time of need. The victim of a tragic motorcycle accident in September of last year, Rogers is currently undergoing an intense rehabilitation program at Santa Clara Hospital. Hospital bills continue to mount and the road to recovery will require 24-hour attention.

To help defray medical bills, a benefit will be held next at the Monterey Jet Center at the Monterey airport. The event will feature music by the **Dennis Murphy** jazz group and a rock 'n' roll revue featuring former members of Boston, Poison and Night Ranger. For tickets and more details, call 299-0440.

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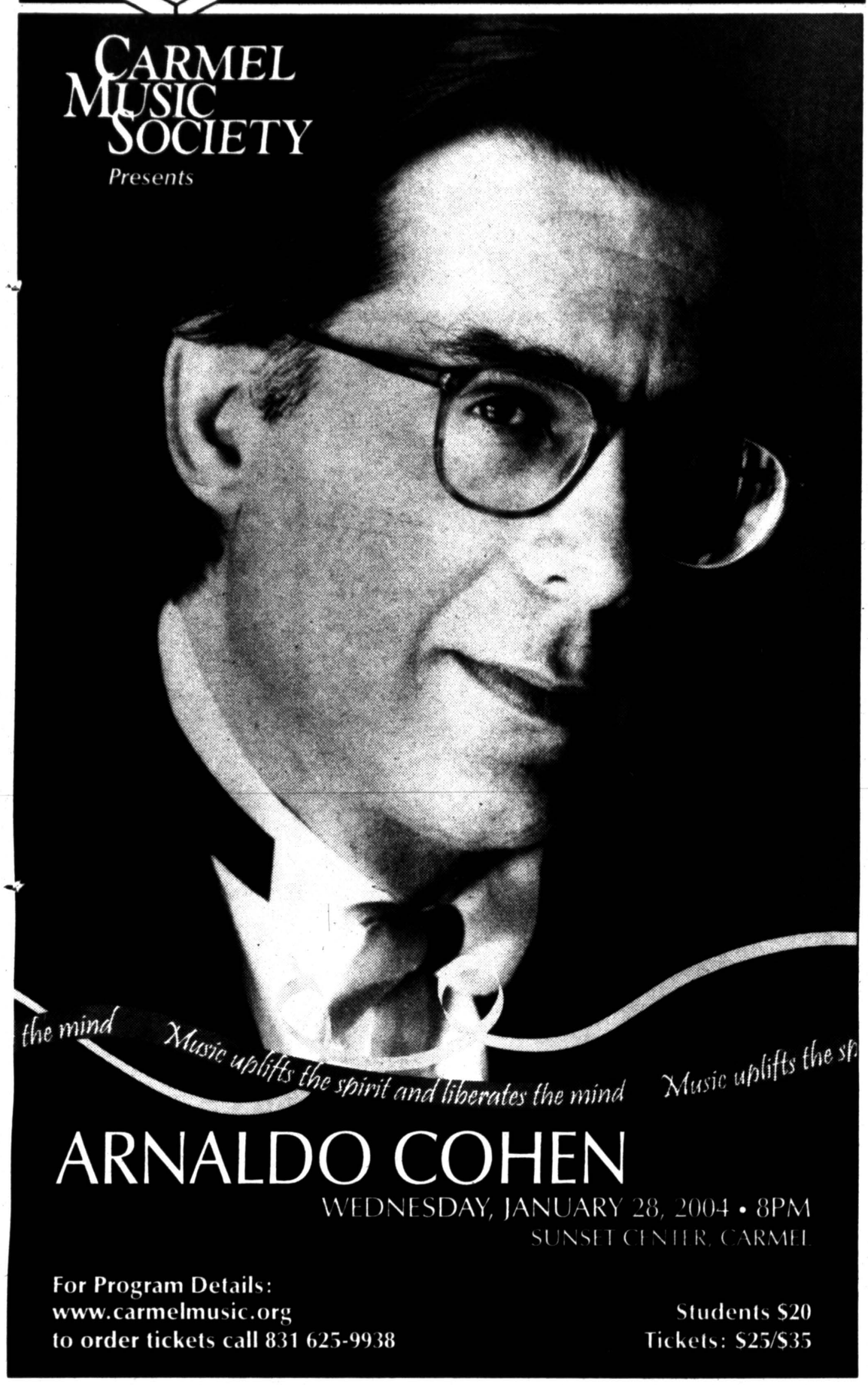

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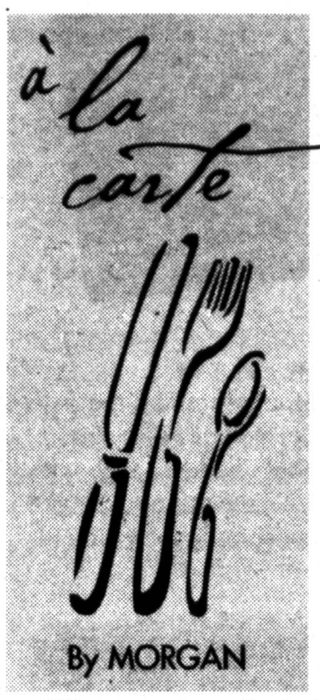
International Café: True flavors born of honest ingredients

THE ONLY synthetic item you'll find at the International Café is the sugar substitute on the tables — and that's only by demand.

Lyn Westmeir shudders at the thought of anything that isn't fresh, organic, real or home-made. She's a perfectionist who likes to eat well, and so indulges her clientele at the café, one of The Crossroad's newest businesses.

She started cooking with her Italian nonna after church on Sundays when she was 5. Although she's of Dutch descent, Westmeir (pronounced West Meer) was influenced more by her nonna, and therefore likes Mediterranean-style cooking.



The look of Provence pervades the small eight-table restaurant: Terra cotta colored walls and yellow tablecloths printed with sunflowers and olive branches add a festive air.

A menu of breakfast and luncheon dishes that are a bit out of the ordinary make this new restaurant desirable and different. French-press coffee makers served at each table keep the second cup of fresh, robust coffee nicely warm as you drink the first.

When we brunched there at one o' clock last Sunday, other guests were enjoying a late breakfast: The mother of a young child exclaiming over his clean plate to the server: "He never finishes his food at home!"

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The breakfast menu is served all day with a choice of toast (using breads baked by Hannah, who comes in at 3 a.m. to start the croissants, cobblers and loaves) or English muffin and a selection of from-scratch potato pancakes, O'Brien fries or cottage cheese.

While eggs, bacon, sausage or ham are available, nine international omelettes are described in detail on the menu, from $5.95 to $7.95, and a Kid's Corner plate of egg, bacon, toast and potatoes is available for $4.25.

Three Benedicts with hollandaise ($8.95) are listed: The Arnold — named for Benedict and not for our illustrious governor, as I had thought because the dish contains ham — Hussard and Sardou. The latter two are adapted from Brennan's of New Orleans recipes, and are just wonderful. I had the Hussard, with two poached eggs on a bed of spinach with ham on English muffin. The poached eggs arrived, frilly on the edges, denoting each was poached individually in boiling water, not in microwave or in range molds to emerge perfectly cylindrical as if they came from mechanical chickens.

Silver dollar pancakes, 15 for $4.95; bananas Foster French toast — on Sunday, the blackboard announced fresh pear or apple French toast ($6.95) — three lemon blintzes at $5.95, and oatmeal with fruit and toast for $4.95 make up the rest of the breakfast menu, along with a list of sides.

Luncheon is served from noon each day, and regardless of what you order, it's served with choice of homemade soup or salad (organic greens with house dressing). Grilled sandwiches with croissant or choice of breads are filled with predominately house-roasted turkey, ham, pork loin or house-corned beef. Albacore tuna, bacon, or grilled cheese sandwiches are also listed.

We overheard two young ladies sitting near our table who exclaimed rapturously over their soup and sandwich lunch. Obviously, Westmeir has raised the mundane to an art form.

Salads include home-dressed Caesar ($7.95), Caesar with chicken ($9.95), and Cobb salad with a house vinaigrette-blue cheese dressing for $7.95. Soup of the day may vary from corn chowder to lentil or split pea — but with a difference. "I don't want to duplicate other soups [served at local restaurants]. I'm always looking for something different and unique," Westmeir said. That's why you'll find additions and changes to the menu as she comes up with another outstanding recipe.

Desserts ($2.95 to $4.95), all home-made, run from pastries, hot fudge or hot butterscotch sundaes, cookies, pies, cakes, fresh fruit cobblers, root beer floats and even English toffee, which is wonderful with a cup of coffee.

The latest innovation at Continental Café is real English high tea ($12.95 per person) served on Sundays at a leisurely pace from 4 to 6 p.m. (but not this Sunday, Jan. 25). Cozied pots of brewed tea, prepared in the proper British manner, are served along with little crustless tea sandwiches. Desserts follow — apple cheese pie, apricot cobbler with real whipped cream, and pound cake with butter chocolate, for instance, but these, as do the sandwiches, change from week to week.

Why High Tea? Westmeir said she "longs for what is civilized and what used to be."

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The Santa Cruz Mountains — a lovely spot for a chain saw murder

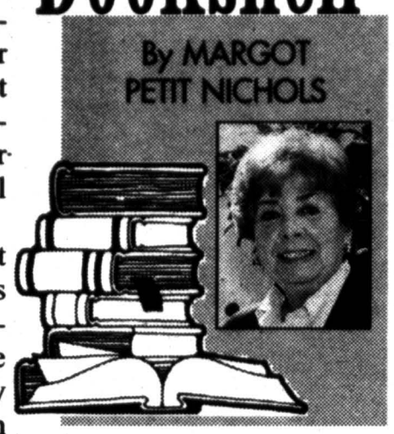
SUSAN RETTEN has written a mystery set in the quirky communities of the Santa Cruz Mountains, **"Death's Other Kingdom."**

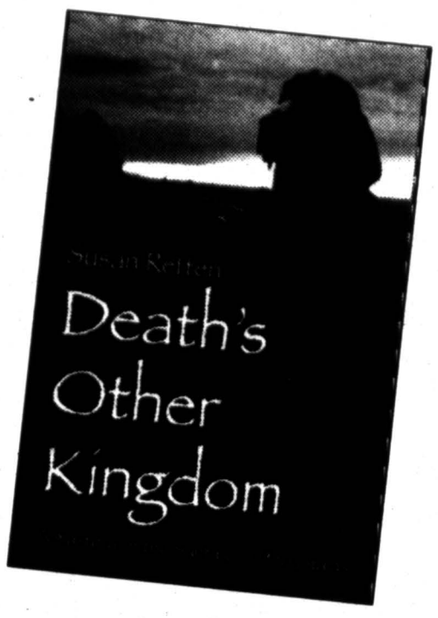
The author lives in Felton and knows about the isolated spots in the mountains where crimes can occur. In this, her first published book, she introduces a chain saw murder, arson and child abuse. Medical marijuana issues that are also introduced seem almost insignificant in comparison.

Retten has an M.A. in English language and literature from the University of Chicago, and has taught literature and writing for the University of California, University of Virginia, Ohio State, and lived and taught English in Germany, Ireland and Spain for some 20 years. While this is her first published book, she has written three others.

The Bookshelf

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS





Retten bemoans the fact that "the major publishing houses have consolidated into a half dozen behemoths, and new writers are finding it harder than ever to break in." She is not alone in this observation; we hear it over and over among local writers.

Retten sent out more than 100 letters to agents over a two-year period, and while she was rejected by most without so much as a courtesy letter, she was "led on by a few, then accepted and unceremoniously dumped by one who went out of business."

Discouraged is scarcely sufficient to describe her feelings after completing her well-written book and not finding an agent or publisher for it.

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erary person. The two good features of self-publishing are not having to vastly edit the book to please a publisher, and arranging for cover art, which publishers handle with no author input, notoriously getting it all wrong. In Retten's case, her son Thomas, a building designer who works for architect Mickey Muennig in Big Sur, created the cover art, while a friend did the copy editing.

It was printed by a Silicon Valley printer, the whole process taking about three months.

Retten is pleased that her 213-page softcover is in print and for sale at local bookstores. She is currently working on her second mystery featuring Chyna Gault, the protagonist of "Death's Other Kingdom."

SOTO ZEN BUDDHISM INTRODUCED

AN INTRODUCTORY overview into the forms, spirit and teaching of Soto Zen Buddhism will be offered 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 31 at the Carmel Cherry Center for the Arts, Fourth and Guadalupe, Carmel. Robert Reese will lead talks, discussions and periods of meditation. The overview is presented by the Monterey Bay Zen Center, and admission is by donation. Reservations: 624-7491.

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HEINZ HUBLER, artist and traveler, has an exhibit of his work in the dining room of The Thunderbird Bookshop, Carmel. In conjunction with this, he is presenting **a free slide show of Venice** at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29 at the bookshop. For information, call 624-1803.

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FICTION WRITERS of the Monterey Peninsula will continue their theatrical versions of three short stories from "Monterey Shorts" on Radio Station KAZU 90.3 FM at 8:30 p.m. on three consecutive Saturdays: Feb. 7, **Byron Merritt** will present **"Monte-Ray Gunn,"** an extremely witty sci-fi private detective story to be read by a number of different people doing different voices.

"A Place to Heal," by **Shaheen Schmidt** will be presented on Saturday, Feb. 14. The story concerns a young man who suffers a heart attack and learns a great deal from the traumatic experience.

"Reunion" by **Walter Gourlay** will be aired on Feb. 21. It is the story of a professor who is found dead by Stillwell Hall — but the fantasies he relives are very real

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MARY-GAY DUCEY will perform **"You Must Remember This: Affectionate Stories for Lovers, Friends and Curmudgeons"** as a part of Stories for Adults at the library community room of the Monterey Public Library, 625 Pacific St. at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11. Tickets are available in advance at the library check out desk, free for those with a Monterey Library card, $8 for others. Info: 646-3949.

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THE LEFT COAST CRIME Mystery Convention to be held in Monterey Feb. 19 to 22, has as its logo, a sea otter floating in the bay with a bottle of poison on his tummy. Many local mystery writers will be attending and will take part in various panel discussions. More later.

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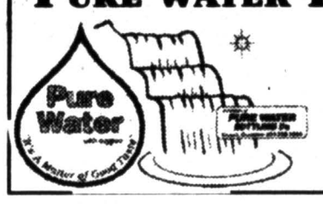

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Carmel Music Society presents pianist Cohen

BRAZILIAN PIANIST Arnaldo Cohen comes to Carmel Wednesday, Jan. 28 to perform a program of works by Bach, Chopin, Braga, Dutra, Guarnieri, Oswald, Levy, Gnattali and others.

This presentation of the Carmel Music Society begins at 8 p.m. in Sunset Theater, San Carlos at Ninth, Carmel.

Tickets are available by calling 625-9938, by ordering online at www.carmelmusic.org or by sending a fax to 625-6823.

Artists speak of their astronomy, nature works

CARMELITES B.J. Johnson and Joy Day will showcase their artistic versatility in a free program beginning 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 at the Carmel Foundation, Lincoln and Eighth, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

From astronomy and nature paintings to glass sculpture, these artist exhibit a unique vision. Among the efforts they have completed together are a 26-foot mural for the Chabot Space and Science Museum in the Bay Area.

SQUARING OFF

WHAT: Ron Cohen and Marcia Gambrell-Hovick reprise Mark Twain's "Adam and Eve: The Diaries" for Staff Players Repertory Company
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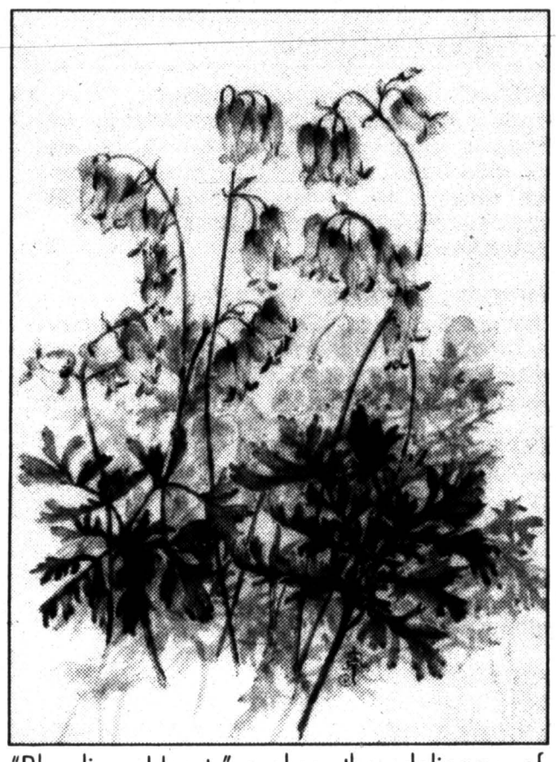
Library exhibits wildflower paintings by long-ago resident

A RARELY displayed collection of wildflower paintings opens with a reception in the Harrison Memorial Library Park Branch, Sixth and Mission, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

The early works are by Ida Johnson, a native New Yorker who visited Carmel in the early part of the 20th century with her friend, Josephine Culbertson. After just one trip the pair were convinced to pack up and move.

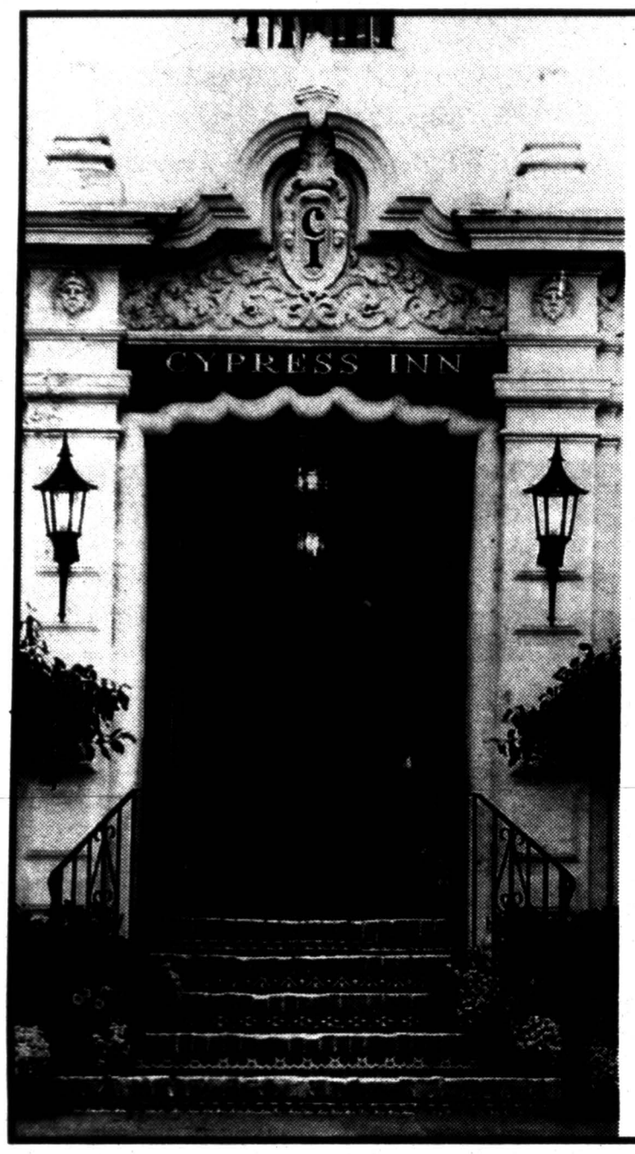
Johnson became a pillar of the community and honed her already well-known artistic skills by painting and becoming expert in California wildflowers. These paintings, delicate and ethereal, will be on display for the first time in many years.

The exhibit is free and open to all. An opening reception will take place 2 to 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26. The exhibit will remain up through March 14.



"Bleeding Hearts" evokes the delicacy of Johnson's paintings.

Just one look convinced New Yorker Ida Johnson to make Carmel-by-the-Sea her home.



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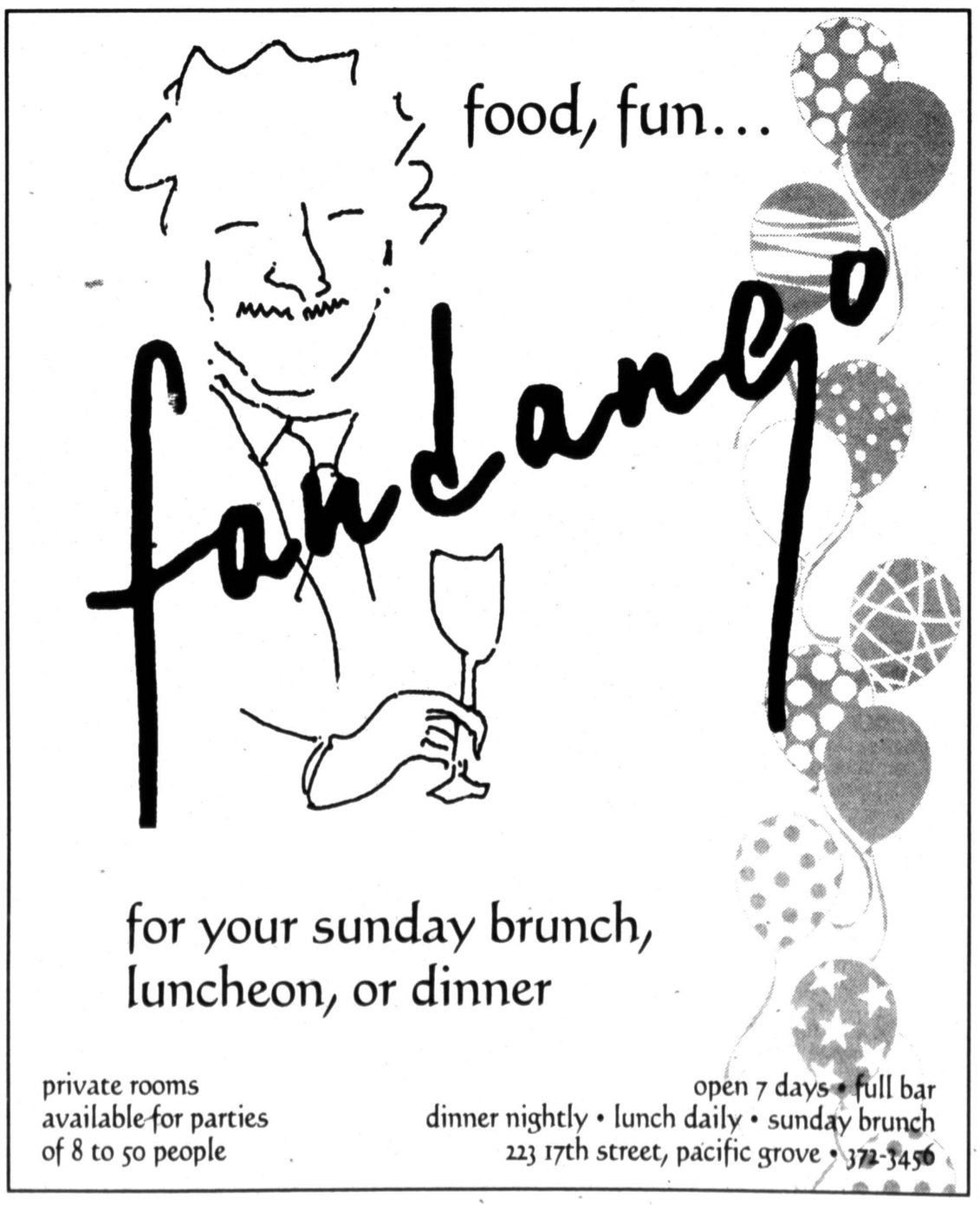

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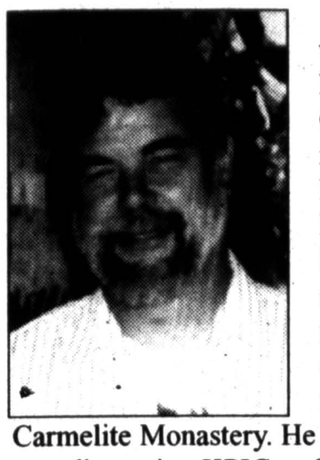
STANLEY KEITH RUBRECHT, a mentor to many who was committed to leaving the world a better place than he had found it, died Jan. 10. He was 56.



Mr. Rubrecht, who made his home in Cachagua, is remembered for his sense of humor and his love of family, cooking and animals. He was devoted to the sisters of the Carmelite Monastery. He enjoyed listening to radio station KPIG and had worked in underground radio in San Francisco years ago.

Mr. Rubrecht is survived by his wife, Karen of Carmel Valley; daughters Francisca Brockett of Monterey, Denise McCutchen of Hesperia and Kariann Rubrecht-Miller of Carmel Valley; son Marvin Davis, USMC, stationed in Japan; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Carmel Valley Village Community Park on Ford Road off Carmel Valley Road in Carmel Valley Village. A barbecue will follow.

CARL BENJAMIN JOHNSON, JR., 83, a retired Navy officer and financial analyst who retired to Carmel and taught business at MPC and for Chapman College aboard Navy ships, died Dec. 24.

Born in Berkeley, he graduated from UC Berkeley, where he belonged to Chi-Psi Fraternity. He was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy, and served during World War II in the Pacific aboard the USS New Orleans and the aircraft carrier USS Hancock.

After the war, Mr. Johnson earned a master's degree in business from Stanford University. He worked for many years as a chartered financial analyst in Berkeley, San Francisco and Menlo Park, and served in the Navy Reserve at Treasure Island, where he rose to the rank of commander.

Mr. Johnson completed 30 years with Alcoholics Anonymous.

He is survived by his former wife, Barbara of Monterey; two sons, Gregory of Chico and Gerald of Pescadero; two daughters, Margaret Ann Ramos of Soledad and Mary Louise Hanratty of Washington; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

LORENE MOWBRAY, 93, a resident of Del Mesa Carmel since 1975, died Jan. 2.

Born in Frontenac, Kansas, she accompanied her parents to Roundup, Mont., where she graduated in the Roundup school system. She then entered the University of Montana, Missoula, where she was active in her sorority. She accepted a secretarial position at Boetcher-Newton Stock Exchange in Denver, and there she met her future husband, Jack Mowbray. They married in 1935 in Roundup and returned to Denver, where he became a partner in the investment firm, Boetcher Company.

Mrs. Mowbray maintained an active interest in charitable and community affairs. She supported the orphanage in Denver and the activities of the Salvation Army together with other charitable and community activities. In 1964, she was commemorated for her work as chairman of the building committee of the Jefferson County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The couple built a home in Wheatridge, Colorado, and traveled extensively in the U.S. and abroad. Mrs. Mowbray was accomplished in the crafts of knitting and crocheting and always had items on hand as gifts for special occasions. She became an avid and accomplished bridge player.

The couple moved to Del Mesa Carmel and Mrs. Mowbray volunteered at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula for approximately 20 years. The Mowbrays belonged to the Monterey Peninsula Country Club and worshiped at the Carmel Mission Basilica and other Catholic churches within the Diocese of Monterey.

She is survived by a sister, Rita Fisher Vranish; four nephews; three nieces and 13 great-nieces and great-nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Carmel Foundation, the Carmel Chapter of the American Red Cross or Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Monterey.

HANS ZANTMAN, founder and owner of the Zantman Art Galleries in Carmel and Palm Desert for 26 years, died Jan. 10 in Rancho Mirage. He was 84.

Mr. Zantman was born in the Netherlands and was a member of the Dutch underground during World War II.

He was interned at Dachau, the notorious German concentration camp, and in a 1984 interview with The Pine Cone, said, "I was the first man who talked with the first American soldier at the gates of Dachau." For his war efforts, he was awarded the distinguished Cross of the Resistance of the Netherlands.

He married Trucia Visser in 1952 in Jakarta, Indonesia, and was a film distributor with 20th Century Fox throughout Asia.

The Zantmans moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1959 and purchased the Hidden Village Coffee Shop located near the Custom House Plaza in Monterey. The setting was noted for its quiet ambiance: chess sets sat on low tables surrounded by pillows, and there was an extensive menu of coffees, which customers imbibed to the strains of classical music.

The Zantmans opened their gallery in Carmel-by-the-Sea in 1962, on Sixth Avenue between Dolores and San Carlos streets.

Mr. Zantman liked to support contemporary living artists — "No dead masters here" — and showed the work of chiefly West Coast artists in addition to a select group of European artists and sculptors.

Steve Brown, who worked for the Zantman Art Galleries in Carmel from 1970 until 1988, recalled Mr. Zantman as being, "Old World, formal and very hard working.

"They were instrumental in Carmel's art scene becoming what it has become. They were a world-class operation," Brown said.

He said the Zantmans shepherded the careers of Robert Clark, S.C. Yuan, Abel Warshawsky, Duane Alt, Frank Ashley and Jeannette Lewis.

"Mr. Zantman's secret was good taste. And he always paid his artists up front, always took good care of them," he said.

Mr. Zantman sold the business in 1986.

He is survived by his wife, Trucia of Indian Wells.

MARGARET STEWART LUKER, 89, died Jan. 17 at her Carmel Valley home.

A native of San Francisco, she made her home here for the past 32 years. Mrs. Luker was a member of the Beach and Tennis Club, John Gardiner's Tennis Ranch, the Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club and the Casa Abrego Women's Club in Monterey.

She is survived by her daughter, Ann Klein of Oregon; her son, Ned of South Africa; her sister, Catherine Thompson of Pebble Beach, and two grandchildren.

Contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society, 1184 Monroe St., Suite 1-2, Salinas, CA 93906.

MADELINE LOUISE PETTIT, 24, died Jan. 14 in Los Gatos.

A native of Turlock, she was raised in Carmel, attending Briarcliff Academy and Carmel River School. She also attended the Ojai School and Valley High, and was an

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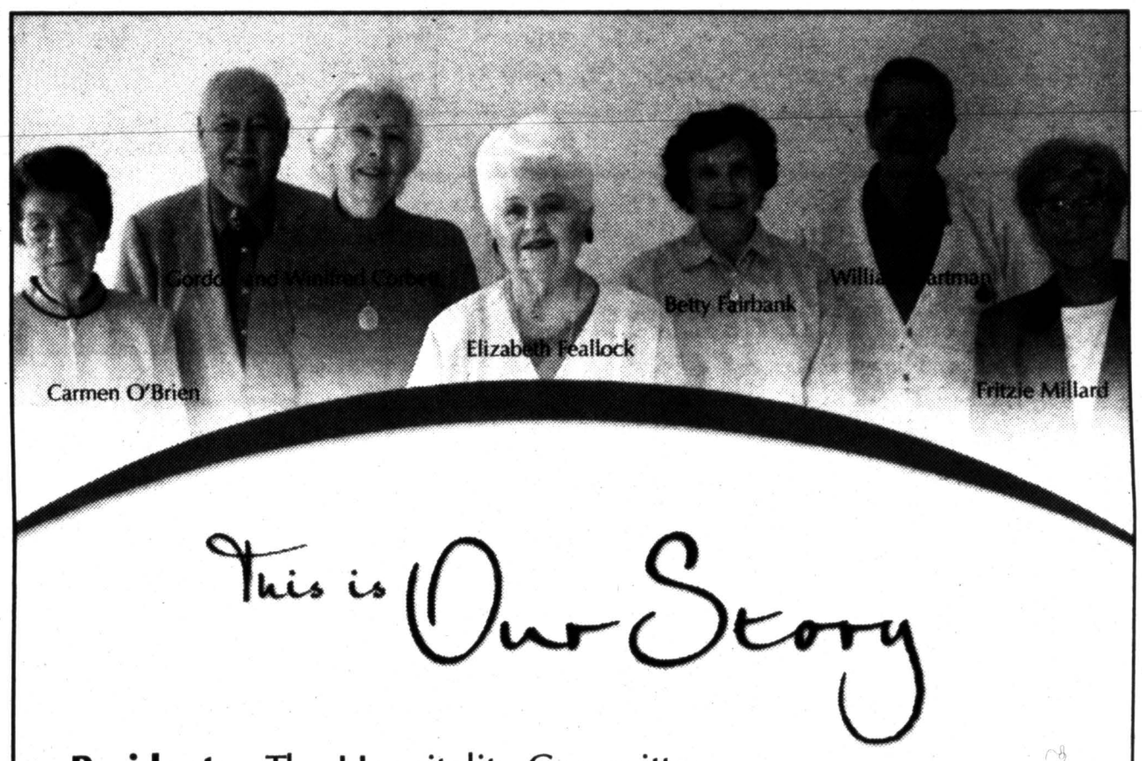

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College in San Jose.

Her gift was poetry, and her loves were animals, music and science. She worked against racism, homophobia and injustice, helping support villages in developing nations through the Flocks of Chicks program of Heifer International.

She is survived by her parents, C. Robert Pettit, M.D. and stepmother Dory of Carmel and Houston; mother Patricia Guerrero and stepfather Jose of Los Gatos; grandfather and grandmother Charles and Elda Linderman of Stockton; sisters Megan of Portland and Molly of San Francisco; stepbrother Dennis Guerrero of Los Gatos, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family suggests memorials be sent to a compassionate charity, especially Heifer International.

MILDRED A. DUIGNAN of Carmel-by-the-Sea and Lake Mohawk, N.J., died Dec. 29. She was 89.

Born in Cliffside Park, N.J., she was a homemaker and worked for 30 years at a telephone company as an operator and supervisor.

Mrs. Duignan is survived by her husband, Edward of New Jersey; sons Robert of Florida and Michael of El Segundo; daughters Dorothy Territo and Carol Stawicki of New Jersey; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to the Carmel Foundation.

Mildred A. Duignan

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THE MONTEREY Institute for Research in Astronomy will present a lecture, "Studying the Formation of Galaxies at the Beginning of Time with the World's Most Powerful Telescopes." Speaker is Garth Illingworth, Ph.D., professor of astronomy and astrophysics at Lick Observatory.

The lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31 in Lecture Forum 102 at Monterey Peninsula College, 980 Fremont St., Monterey. Admission is free.

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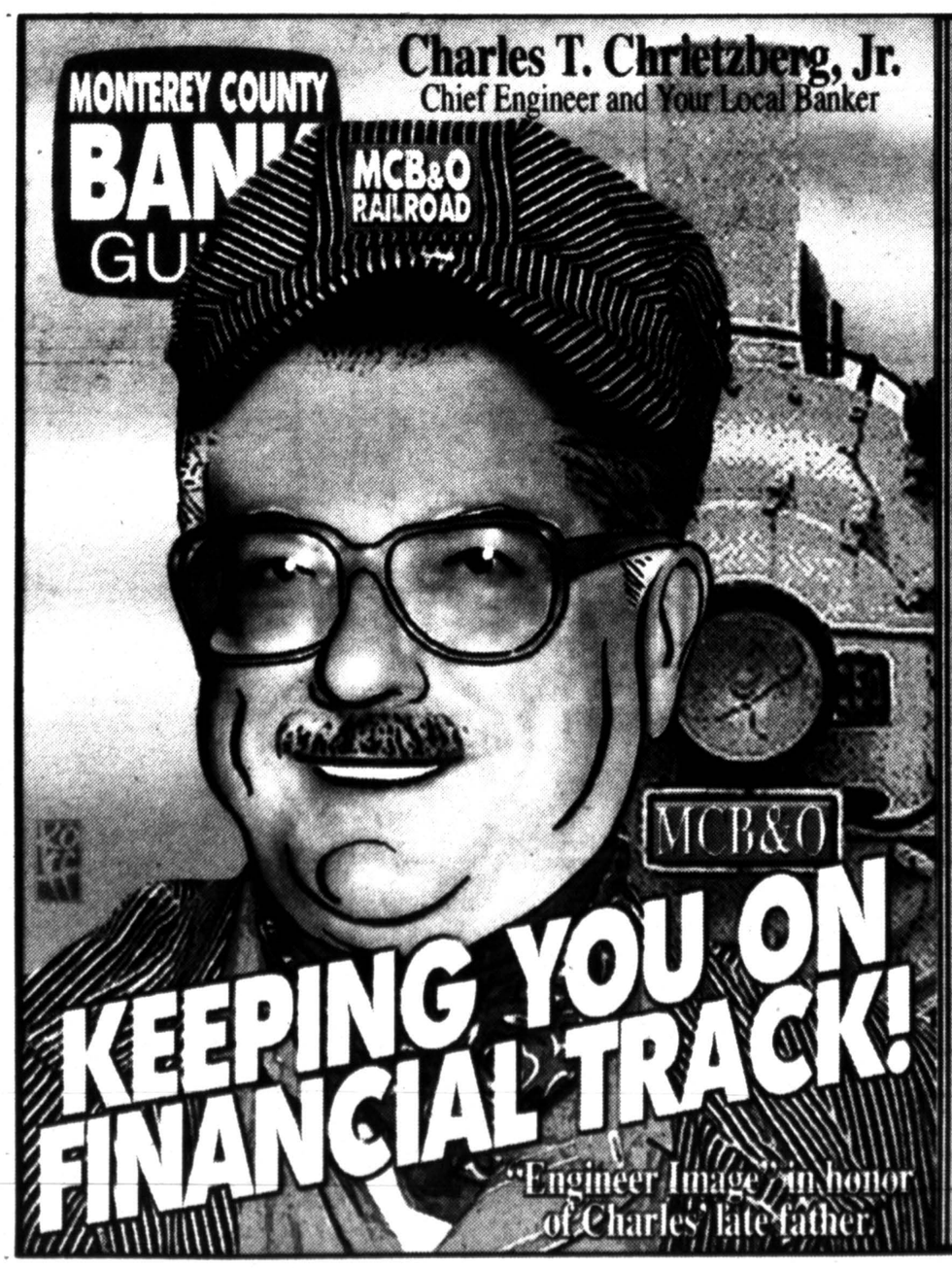

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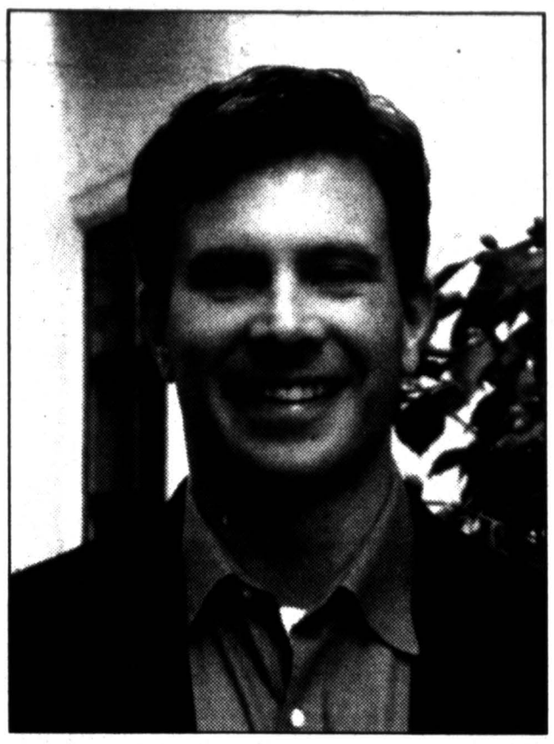
further into reserves, ensure the fire station is structurally sound and pay off the city's short-term debt on Sunset Center.

"This is the time to retain the leadership with a proven track record which has successfully met these key challenges, and which is poised to address so many other challenges that lie ahead," she said.

Among those who signed her nomination papers to run for office were Glenn and Marian Leidig, cultural commissioner Denny Gambill, architect John Thodos, Nielsen Bros. Market owner Merv Sutton, Elinor Laiolo and realtor Carla Ramsey.



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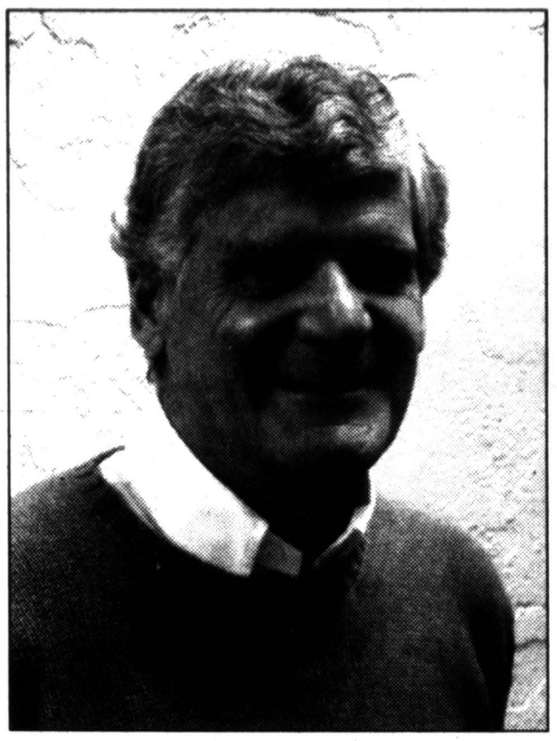

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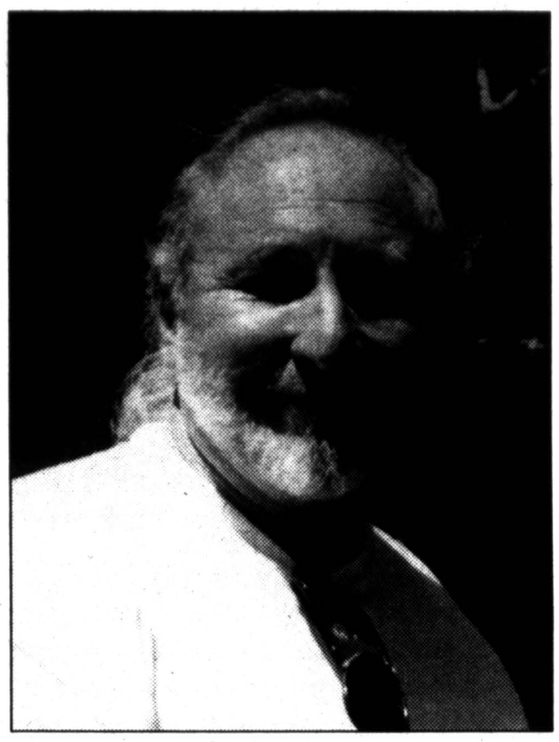


David Maradei

DICK ELY

A retired engineer and businessman who was elected to the Carmel City Council four years ago, Ely also served on the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District board. As a colonel, Ely worked with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and later founded, operated and sold his own business, the Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Company.

Ely, 60, said his 40-plus years of experience as an engineer, business owner and elected official, managing large organizations, complex programs and multi-million-dollar budgets, have provided him with a solid foundation for helping to solve the city's financial troubles and build consensus.

If elected mayor, Ely said he would "return to open, respectful and inclusive government, reestablish fiscal discipline and solvency, restore public trust and confidence, rebuild employee morale and welfare, respect personal rights, and protect and preserve our heritage."

Signers of his nomination included former Mayor Jean Grace, former Carmel Residents Association president Monte Miller, John Hicks, Bill Englander and Richard Dalsemer. He said he has the endorsements of Grace and two more former mayors, Charlotte Townsend and Ken White.

"I understand the need for balance and unity to bridge the diverse interests of our community," he said in his statement. "Now more than ever we must work together."

ERIK BETHEL

Bethel, who came to Carmel in 2001 when he was hired by Granite Construction to handle its mergers and acquisitions, has since started his own private investment fund, Compass Point Capital Partners LLC, with business partner Jason Singleton. He serves on the Carmel Community Traffic Safety Commission and participated in the citizens group which aided in the planning of the city's centennial celebrations.

Bethel, 34, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis in 1992, where he studied economics and engineering. After serving as a Naval officer, he took his financial know-how to Wall Street and later obtained a masters in business administration from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

He believes his financial experience makes him "the candidate who can most effectively tackle the issues surrounding Carmel's budget deficit," according to his statement. "I am also sensitive to our unique character and will work hard to preserve Carmel's village charm."

Residents who signed Bethel's nomination papers include current council members Paula Hazdovac and Gerard Rose, council candidate Michael Cunningham, the Leidigs, former councilman Marshall Hydorn, Gambill, Sutton and builder Chris Tescher.

MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM

Born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, Cunningham obtained bachelor's and master's degrees from Stanford University before undertaking his 36-year career in engineering and marketing for Hewlett-Packard. He moved to Carmel in 2000 and entered the political arena as a planning commissioner last June.

Cunningham, 62, touts his strengths in coalition building, because years in management at Hewlett-Packard taught him methods for drawing ideas from numerous interest groups and decision makers.

The top "mega-issues" facing the council in the near term include completing the Local Coastal Program, settling the issue of who should manage Sunset Center, balancing the city's operating budget by cutting expenses and raising revenues, and better managing its assets, ensuring the most valuable are well maintained while the least important are sold, according to Cunningham.

"Carmel-by-the-Sea's interest groups (residential, business and visitor) have viewpoints that must be considered before reaching the decisions affecting the future of the city," he said in his statement. "If elected to your city council, I pledge to work diligently to learn from each group."

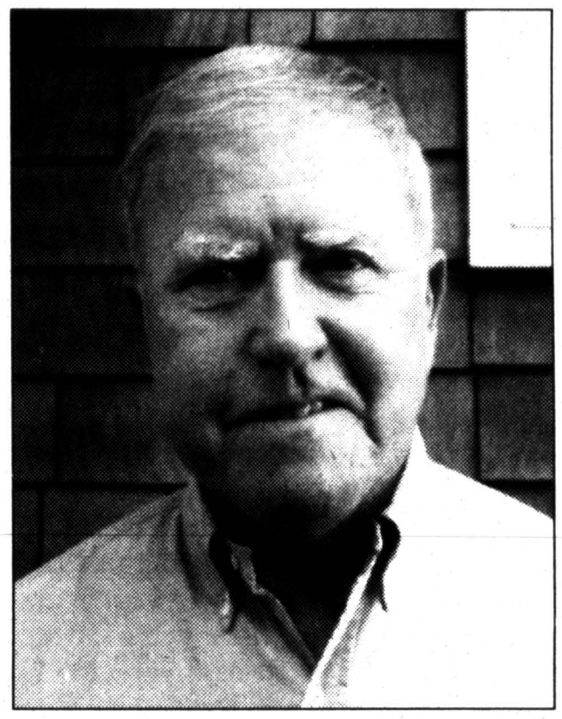
Among those who signed Cunningham's nomination papers were current council members Ely, Rose and Hazdovac; planning commissioners Bill Strid, Alan Hewer, Julie Culver and Robin Wilson; Gambill and businessman Fred O'Such, who serves on the board of the newly formed nonprofit Sunset Cultural Center Inc.

JACK GORRY

Gorry served as a Marine Corps pilot before making a foray into business, where he worked in senior financial and management positions for several corporations. He founded his own telecommunications company in 1984, served as its CEO and placed the company on the American Stock Exchange before retiring in 1992. Gorry, 70, served as a planning commissioner in 1996 and 1997, finishing Marshall Hydorn's unexpired term when the latter was elected to the city council.

Budget and the retirements of top managers are major concerns facing city hall, according to Gorry, who said his professional experience and educational background would "be helpful to the city in navigating its way through the very hazardous situation in which it presently finds itself," he said in his statement. "Specifically, I refer to the serious financial problems facing the city and the loss of virtually all of its senior management personnel."

Former forest and beach commissioner Bob Kohn, former councilman Jim Wright, Melanie Billig, councilwoman Barbara Livingston, White, and fire captain Chuck August were among the signers of Gorry's nomination papers.



Jack Gorry

DAVID MARADEI

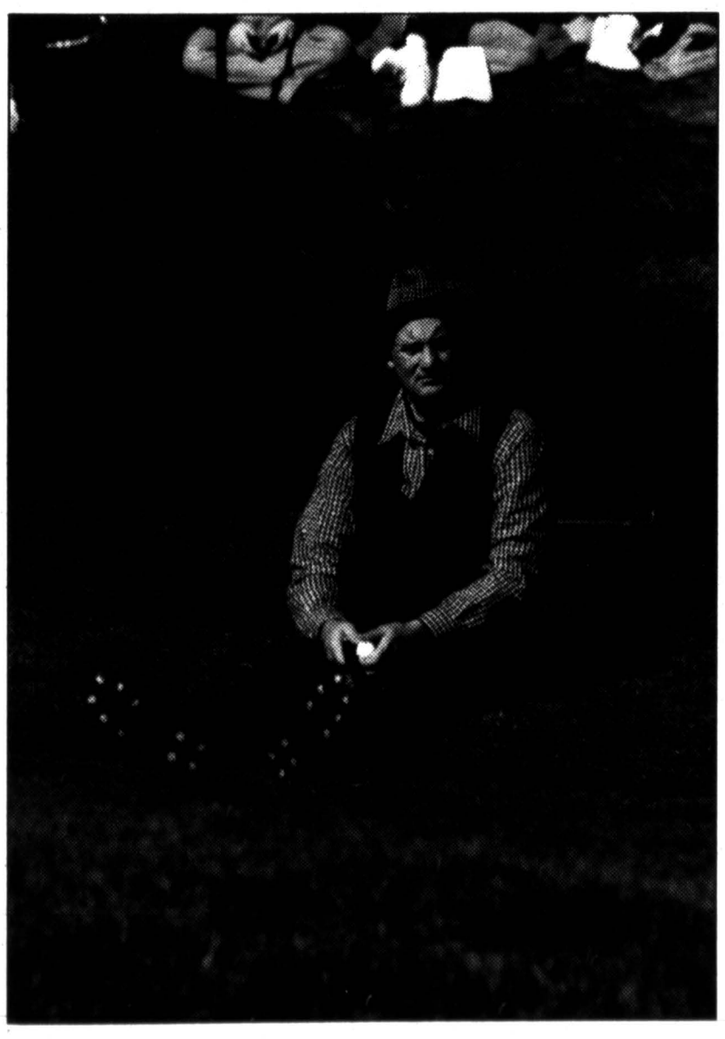
Currently the director of the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Monterey County and a Court-Appointed Special Advocate, Maradei, 61, took on a new career helping abused and neglected children after more than 15 years working in and managing the Carmel-by-the-Sea post office.

He has a long history of political involvement in town, including terms on the city council, the forest and beach commission, the beach task force committee and a land use advisory committee.

Maradei cited his top concerns as the drop in staffing at city hall, including the departure of several high-level managers, the management of Sunset Center and the budget. He hopes to build consensus in what he said has become a divided community.

"Working together we will create an open government responsive to the needs of our village with a balance between our transitions and our traditions," he wrote in his statement.

Livingston, Wright, Larry Rodocker, Billig, Clayton Anderson, Dalsemer, Barbara Brooks, Miller and former mayors White and Townsend signed Maradei's nomination papers.



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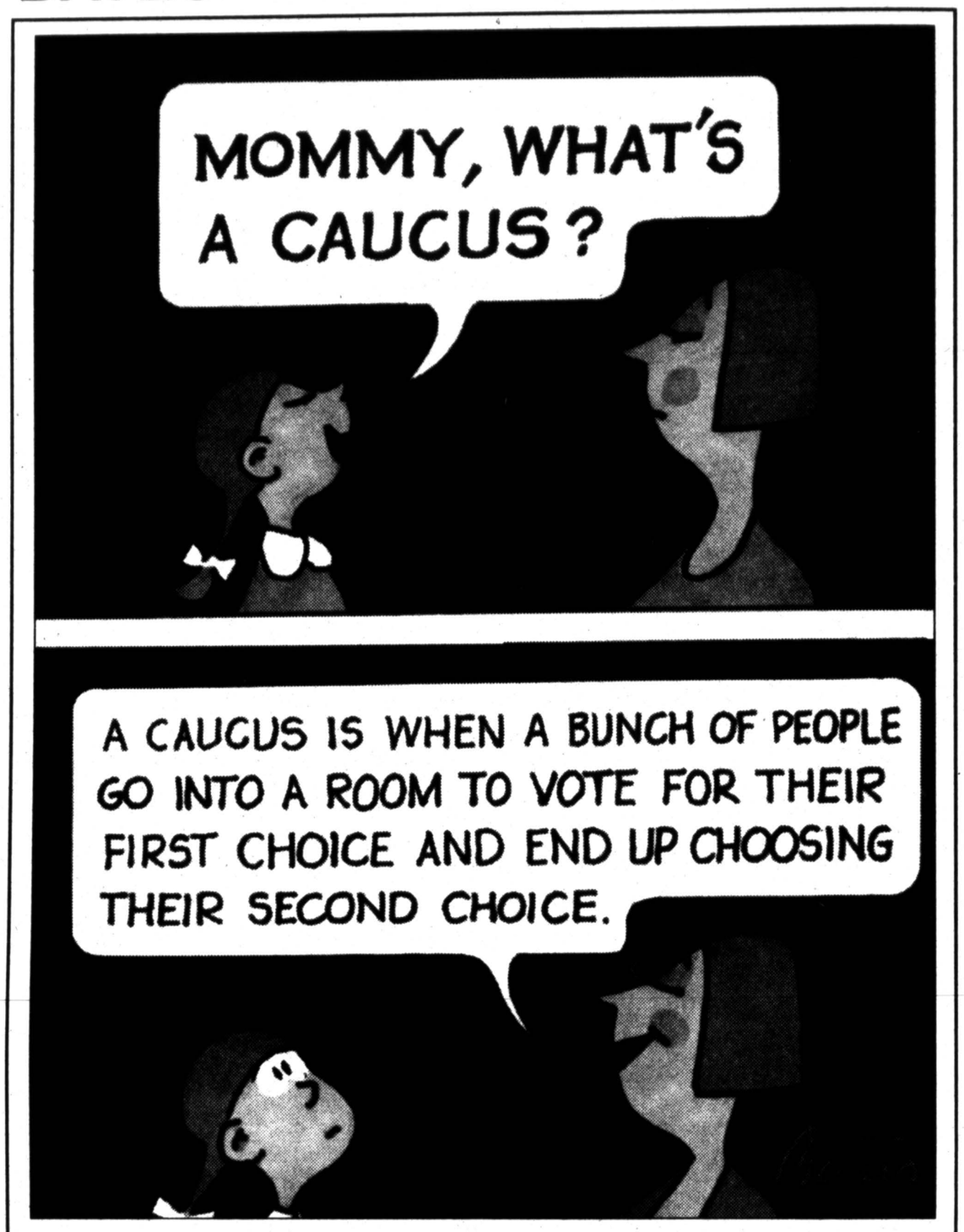
Thus, another year or two after the EIR is finished, Nick Lombardo will get an answer from the county whether his project can be built. If the answer is Yes, he and the county will probably be sued — the easiest grounds for filing a suit to stop a development project is to claim that the EIR wasn't adequate. If a judge agrees, the EIR is reopened and the whole process begins again. A determined opponent can drag the judicial process out for at least five years. And then there's always the possibility of a ballot measure to overturn the decision of the board of supervisors!

Thus, if new housing is to be built at Rancho Cañada, it won't be for a long, long time, we told the woman, who understandably had gotten a bit discouraged.

She hung up before we had a chance to give her the worst news: By the time affordable housing is built in Carmel Valley, her elderly relative probably won't need it anymore.

BATES


MOMMY, WHAT'S A CAUCUS?
A CAUCUS IS WHEN A BUNCH OF PEOPLE GO INTO A ROOM TO VOTE FOR THEIR FIRST CHOICE AND END UP CHOOSING THEIR SECOND CHOICE.

Letters to the Editor

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The Pine Cone is no longer able to accept letters to the editor by fax. Please submit your letters by U.S. mail, e-mail, or in person (addresses are provided below).

Still plenty of experience

Dear Editor,

It was my understanding that the city encouraged employees who fell within the parameters of retiring early to retire, if they so chose. Too bad I started in 2001.

An editorial in the CRA newsletter stated that when two people retired from city hall, "there went the budget team." The rest of the team is still here.

One person retired from public works, but a lot of people still there know the streets, storm drains, pathways, buildings, etc.

There are still a lot of experienced staff left at Sunset Center.

While those who retired are missed, in most departments there are, collectively, 100-plus years experience left working at the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea. Working here takes a team effort and it's a team-village that keeps this village going.

Maybe to some Carmelites the rest of us still working for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea are funny-looking, but I didn't think we looked like chopped liver.

Cynthia Lopez-Frincke, *Carmel*

Secretive council?

Dear Editor,

I am very puzzled by the complaints about a secretive city council.

The city council meetings are now on the television (channel 26) for all of us to see. The city puts out an informative newsletter. There is a suggestion box at the post office. Any of us can speak at the city council meetings and at the last two long meetings dealing with the management of the Sunset Center, the three-minute limit has been waived to encourage citizens to say what they would like.

Anytime I have wanted to talk to Mayor Sue McCloud about an issue, I have found her very open-minded, available and helpful — even at home. I am grateful that in Carmel we have an open, truly accessible local government.

Mary Ricksen, *Carmel*

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Collins for supervisor

Dear Editor,

I have lived in Monterey County for many years and have come to appreciate those who are willing to not only maintain our community, but improve it as well. It takes dedicated people to keep our community running efficiently. Steve Collins, candidate for 5th District Supervisor, is one of those dedicated people. With his experience working on groups like the Monterey County Water Resources Agency and the Women's Domestic Shelter of Monterey County, he has the knowledge needed to help our county move forward. He has worked hard in the past to help our community when it came to water issues and health care, and he will do an even better job as supervisor.

Brandon Gesicki, *Pacific Grove*

No pedigree

Dear Editor,

Wow! What a contrast. In your last issue I read about the dog shipped from South Africa, chosen on a family world cruise, bearing imposing name and pedigree, after we had just selected our next "pound puppy," which we shall pick up after she is processed. My muse struck again!

You didn't have a pedigree,
You had no loving home.
I saw you in that metal cage,
And you looked so alone.

We did not go to distant lands
Or sail the ocean blue,
We just went to the local pound
To get a look at you.

You were so scared, were quivering,
When I bent down to see.
I knew you needed love right now.
I knew you needed me!

I'm going back to fetch you soon.
I'll give that cage a shove!
No – you don't have pedigree
But you'll sure have our love.

Charlotte Rouren, *Pleasanton*

Editor's note: The following two letters were inadvertently truncated in last week's paper. They are printed this week in their entirety.

Firefighters' courage

Dear Editor,

We all need to commend The Pine Cone for its evenhanded article on Jan. 2, "Carmel firefighters question councilman's take on morale," firefighter Ian Watts for his courageous remarks in the same article and firefighter Chuck August's recent courageous letter to the editor. It takes real guts to risk the possible retaliation that might descend on these two firefighters' heads for stating publicly what Carmel City Council members and some top staff have been denying for so long. That these two full-time firefighters are willing to risk losing their jobs by being frank has to be an indication of just how upset, demoralized and frustrated our firefighters really are.

How can Carmel's residents and business people have full confidence in a fire department that has a chief who reportedly spends only part of one day a week in Carmel and that has no assistant chief at all?

Further, most fire departments, even volunteer fire departments train constantly so they will be at peak readiness. This is no longer true in Carmel. As I understand it, there's no longer anybody senior enough on the department's staff to to take responsibility for doing this. What fire department could have high morale when not enough money is allocated to even keep all its fire trucks working? And how can we feel confident about our fire department being able to respond at a high level under such circumstances? Again, thanks to The Pine Cone for bringing this situation to everyone's attention and thanks to Ian Watts and Chuck August, one third of the department's full-time staff, for their courage.

Richard Dalsemer, *Carmel*

'Friend, confidant and companion'

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the great article about my dad, Richard Lugo, that appeared in the Jan. 2 Pine Cone.

Dad went into business the year I was born. Growing up at the station meant many firsts for me. Dad showed me the way in a lot of things in my life, as he did with my brother and sister. As you can imagine with so many memories for us all, dad's leaving the station had a profound effect on our whole family.

There are some things that people have probably forgotten about dad, or never knew.

He was a volunteer fire fighter and EMT at CFD. He supported events at Carmel High and chaperoned dances at CMS. And he provided work experience for kids from CHS, and job training for those looking for a second, and sometimes third, start in life.

Dad's been generous with his time and money. If someone needed a loan or gallon of gas until payday, it wasn't unusual for him to dig into his own pocket. When charities came by, he gave again. A donation jar was often on the counter where his pocket change ended up most of the time. And if anyone ever asked a favor of him, he almost never said no.

In my lifetime, some have tried to hurt Dad with angry words and threats, and others stole from him. Anger, hurt, violation? Sure, but he has no time for ignorance. He always stands up for his beliefs, enforcing them with his generosity for those in need. Your paper reported about a homeless man to whom he'd given his shoes. Believe me, this kind of generosity is not unusual for Dad. He loves to help people. All they have to do is ask and he gives what he can.

Few probably realize just how much of dad put into the station in recent years. His typical day started well before 5 a.m. and didn't end until closing time. He did this six and sometimes seven days a week! It's been 15 years since his last vacation. Why did he work so hard? Because he loves people and loves to help them.

When I'd asked Dad if the Pine Cone was doing an article, he said he wasn't newsworthy. Only when people started coming in to wish him well did he really realize the impact he's had on the people of Carmel. He HAS made a difference and people love him. He's been a friend, confidant, companion, an open ear, advisor and more. He only says, "I'm just being me."

Pretty terrific "me" if you ask me!

Thank you, Dad, for your kindnesses, generosity and love. You're not just A dad. You're MY dad, and I'm proud of you! I love you and miss you, and hope to see you soon.

Your Irish family wishes you the best for your new life. The future is yours. Grab it by the oysters and don't let go!

Kemberlee Lugo-Shortland
Cork, Irelana

Sandy Claws

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MARGOT PETIT
NICHOLS

HEARTS KELLEY, 15 in March, a toy fox terrier, shares his home in Carmel-by-the-Sea with Flowers, his 12-year-old sister, a black and white cat, and his Mom Phyllis and Dad Wayne. He is a lifelong resident here, and goes for walks on the beach regularly where he is well known and hailed by one and all.

Hearts was given his name by Mom Phyllis, who noted that the black markings on his back resemble large hearts. The nametag that he wears on his smart rhinestone studded collar is also heart shaped

Hearts does well with children, who toddle after him on the beach to pet something smaller than they are with their sandy hands. After all, he weighs all of seven pounds, wringing wet. And he was, once, when Dad was looking the other way while they were out for a stroll on Carmel beach. A fun-loving wave snuck up on little Hearts, all unknowing, and pulled him in. When Dad looked back, Hearts was valiantly paddling his way back to shore.

Hearts has the feeling that he is in charge, and has always ruled over the younger, smaller dogs on the beach. But he has been known to bluff even Irish wolf hounds, who have rolled him in the sand for his audacity.

On Thursday morning, the tide was so high there was no beach left for Hearts to joyously gallop on, so he had to content himself with a leash walk on the Scenic Road pathway.

We said good-bye to Hearts as he tore off home in his white convertible – a perfect foil for his black and white coat.

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Thus, another year or two after the EIR is finished, Nick Lombardo will get an answer from the county whether his project can be built. If the answer is Yes, he and the county will probably be sued — the easiest grounds for filing a suit to stop a development project is to claim that the EIR wasn't adequate. If a judge agrees, the EIR is reopened and the whole process begins again. A determined opponent can drag the judicial process out for at least five years. And then there's always the possibility of a ballot measure to overturn the decision of the board of supervisors!

Thus, if new housing is to be built at Rancho Cañada, it won't be for a long, long time, we told the woman, who understandably had gotten a bit discouraged.

She hung up before we had a chance to give her the worst news: By the time affordable housing is built in Carmel Valley, her elderly relative probably won't need it anymore.

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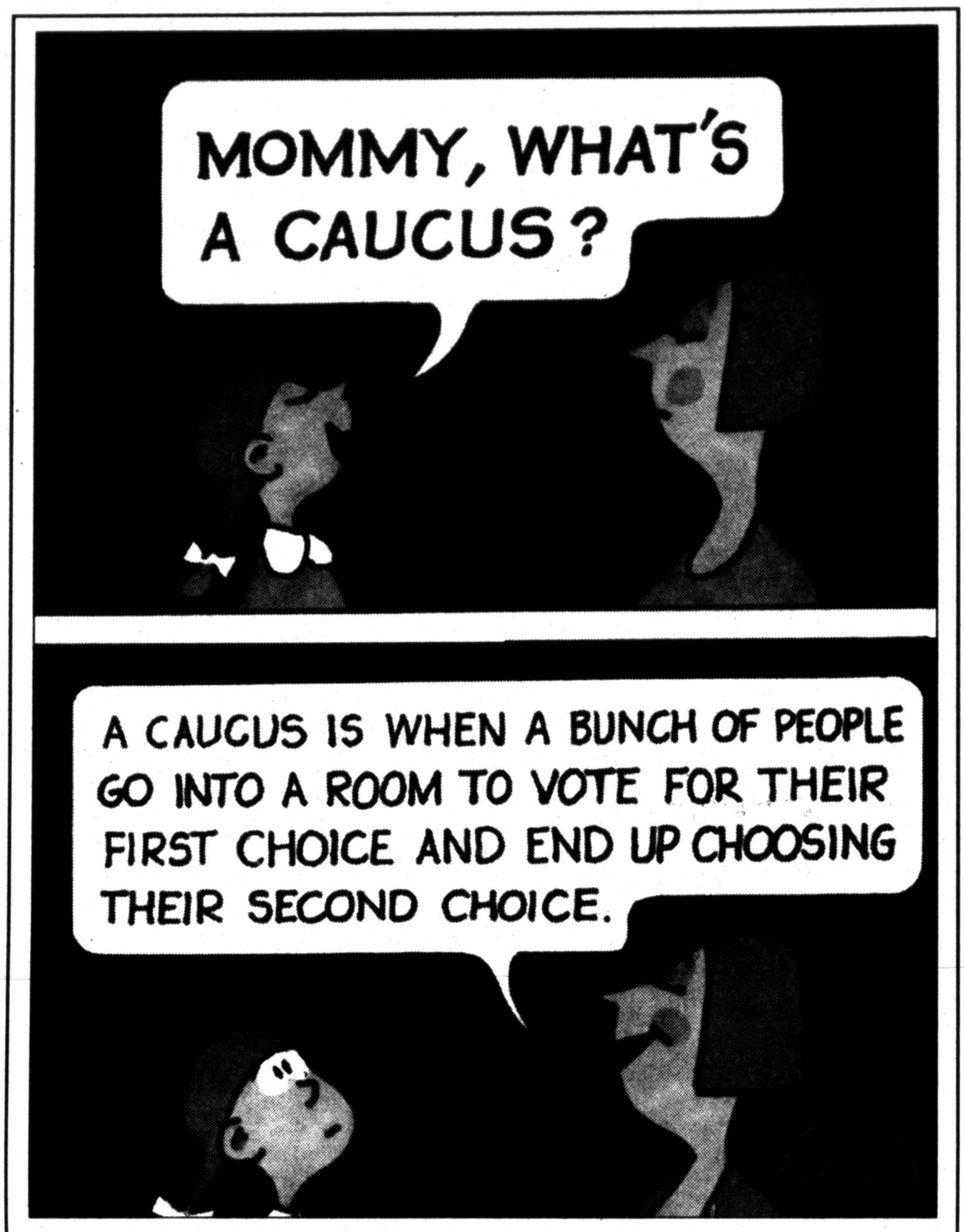
MOMMY, WHAT'S A CAUCUS?
A CAUCUS IS WHEN A BUNCH OF PEOPLE GO INTO A ROOM TO VOTE FOR THEIR FIRST CHOICE AND END UP CHOOSING THEIR SECOND CHOICE.

Letters to the Editor

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The Pine Cone is no longer able to accept letters to the editor by fax. Please submit your letters by U.S. mail, e-mail, or in person (addresses are provided below).

Still plenty of experience

Dear Editor,

It was my understanding that the city encouraged employees who fell within the parameters of retiring early to retire, if they so chose. Too bad I started in 2001.

An editorial in the CRA newsletter stated that when two people retired from city hall, "there went the budget team." The rest of the team is still here.

One person retired from public works, but a lot of people still there know the streets, storm drains, pathways, buildings, etc.

There are still a lot of experienced staff left at Sunset Center.

While those who retired are missed, in most departments there are, collectively, 100-plus years experience left working at the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea. Working here takes a team effort and it's a team-village that keeps this village going.

Maybe to some Carmelites the rest of us still working for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea are funny-looking, but I didn't think we looked like chopped liver.

Cynthia Lopez-Frincke, *Carmel*

Secretive council?

Dear Editor,

I am very puzzled by the complaints about a secretive city council.

The city council meetings are now on the television (channel 26) for all of us to see. The city puts out an informative newsletter. There is a suggestion box at the post office. Any of us can speak at the city council meetings and at the last two long meetings dealing with the management of the Sunset Center, the three-minute limit has been waived to encourage citizens to say what they would like.

Anytime I have wanted to talk to Mayor Sue McCloud about an issue, I have found her very open-minded, available and helpful — even at home. I am grateful that in Carmel we have an open, truly accessible local government.

Mary Ricksen, *Carmel*

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Collins for supervisor

Dear Editor,

I have lived in Monterey County for many years and have come to appreciate those who are willing to not only maintain our community, but improve it as well. It takes dedicated people to keep our community running efficiently. Steve Collins, candidate for 5th District Supervisor, is one of those dedicated people. With his experience working on groups like the Monterey County Water Resources Agency and the Women's Domestic Shelter of Monterey County, he has the knowledge needed to help our county move forward. He has worked hard in the past to help our community when it came to water issues and health care, and he will do an even better job as supervisor.

Brandon Gesicki, *Pacific Grove*

No pedigree

Dear Editor,

Wow! What a contrast. In your last issue I read about the dog shipped from South Africa, chosen on a family world cruise, bearing imposing name and pedigree, after we had just selected our next "pound puppy," which we shall pick up after she is processed. My muse struck again!

You didn't have a pedigree,
You had no loving home.
I saw you in that metal cage,
And you looked so alone.

We did not go to distant lands
Or sail the ocean blue,
We just went to the local pound
To get a look at you.

You were so scared, were quivering,
When I bent down to see.
I knew you needed love right now.
I knew you needed me!

I'm going back to fetch you soon.
I'll give that cage a shove!
No – you don't have pedigree
But you'll sure have our love.

Charlotte Rouren, *Pleasanton*

Editor's note: The following two letters were inadvertently truncated in last week's paper. They are printed this week in their entirety.

Firefighters' courage

Dear Editor,

We all need to commend The Pine Cone for its evenhanded article on Jan. 2, "Carmel firefighters question councilman's take on morale," firefighter Ian Watts for his courageous remarks in the same article and firefighter Chuck August's recent courageous letter to the editor. It takes real guts to risk the possible retaliation that might descend on these two firefighters' heads for stating publicly what Carmel City Council members and some top staff have been denying for so long. That these two full-time firefighters are willing to risk losing their jobs by being frank has to be an indication of just how upset, demoralized and frustrated our firefighters really are.

How can Carmel's residents and business people have full confidence in a fire department that has a chief who reportedly spends only part of one day a week in Carmel and that has no assistant chief at all?

Further, most fire departments, even volunteer fire departments train constantly so they will be at peak readiness. This is no longer true in Carmel. As I understand it, there's no longer anybody senior enough on the department's staff to to take responsibility for doing this. What fire department could have high morale when not enough money is allocated to even keep all its fire trucks working? And how can we feel confident about our fire department being able to respond at a high level under such circumstances? Again, thanks to The Pine Cone for bringing this situation to everyone's attention and thanks to Ian Watts and Chuck August, one third of the department's full-time staff, for their courage.

Richard Dalsemer, *Carmel*

'Friend, confidant and companion'

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the great article about my dad, Richard Lugo, that appeared in the Jan. 2 Pine Cone.

Dad went into business the year I was born. Growing up at the station meant many firsts for me. Dad showed me the way in a lot of things in my life, as he did with my brother and sister. As you can imagine with so many memories for us all, dad's leaving the station had a profound effect on our whole family.

There are some things that people have probably forgotten about dad, or never knew.

He was a volunteer fire fighter and EMT at CFD. He supported events at Carmel High and chaperoned dances at CMS. And he provided work experience for kids from CHS, and job training for those looking for a second, and sometimes third, start in life.

Dad's been generous with his time and money. If someone needed a loan or gallon of gas until payday, it wasn't unusual for him to dig into his own pocket. When charities came by, he gave again. A donation jar was often on the counter where his pocket change ended up most of the time. And if anyone ever asked a favor of him, he almost never said no.

In my lifetime, some have tried to hurt Dad with angry words and threats, and others stole from him. Anger, hurt, violation? Sure, but he has no time for ignorance. He always stands up for his beliefs, enforcing them with his generosity for those in need. Your paper reported about a homeless man to whom he'd given his shoes. Believe me, this kind of generosity is not unusual for Dad. He loves to help people. All they have to do is ask and he gives what he can.

Few probably realize just how much of dad put into the station in recent years. His typical day started well before 5 a.m. and didn't end until closing time. He did this six and sometimes seven days a week! It's been 15 years since his last vacation. Why did he work so hard? Because he loves people and loves to help them.

When I'd asked Dad if the Pine Cone was doing an article, he said he wasn't newsworthy. Only when people started coming in to wish him well did he really realize the impact he's had on the people of Carmel. He HAS made a difference and people love him. He's been a friend, confidant, companion, an open ear, advisor and more. He only says, "I'm just being me."

Pretty terrific "me" if you ask me!

Thank you, Dad, for your kindnesses, generosity and love. You're not just A dad. You're MY dad, and I'm proud of you! I love you and miss you, and hope to see you soon.

Your Irish family wishes you the best for your new life. The future is yours. Grab it by the oysters and don't let go!

Kemberlee Lugo-Shortland
Cork, Trelana

Sandy Claws

PHOTO & STORY By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

HEARTS KELLEY, 15 in March, a toy fox terrier, shares his home in Carmel-by-the-Sea with Flowers, his 12-year-old sister, a black and white cat, and his Mom Phyllis and Dad Wayne. He is a lifelong resident here, and goes for walks on the beach regularly where he is well known and hailed by one and all.

Hearts was given his name by Mom Phyllis, who noted that the black markings on his back resemble large hearts. The nametag that he wears on his smart rhinestone studded collar is also heart shaped

Hearts does well with children, who toddle after him on the beach to pet something smaller than they are with their sandy hands. After all, he weighs all of seven pounds, wringing wet. And he was, once, when Dad was looking the other way while they were out for a stroll on Carmel beach. A fun-loving wave snuck up on little Hearts, all unknowing, and pulled him in. When Dad looked back, Hearts was valiantly paddling his way back to shore.

Hearts has the feeling that he is in charge, and has always ruled over the younger, smaller dogs on the beach. But he has been known to bluff even Irish wolf hounds, who have rolled him in the sand for his audacity.

On Thursday morning, the tide was so high there was no beach left for Hearts to joyously gallop on, so he had to content himself with a leash walk on the Scenic Road pathway.

We said good-bye to Hearts as he tore off home in his white convertible – a perfect foil for his black and white coat.

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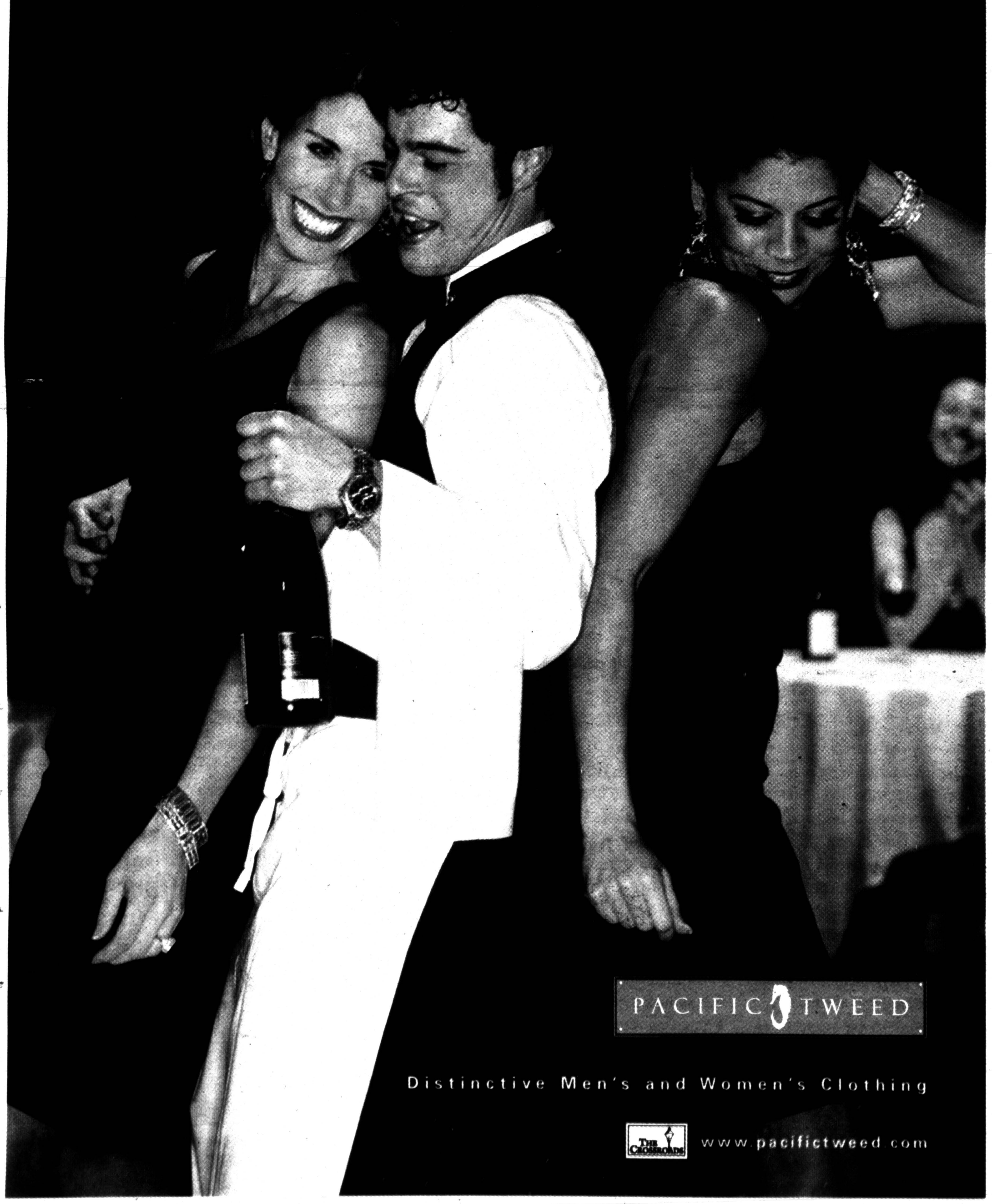

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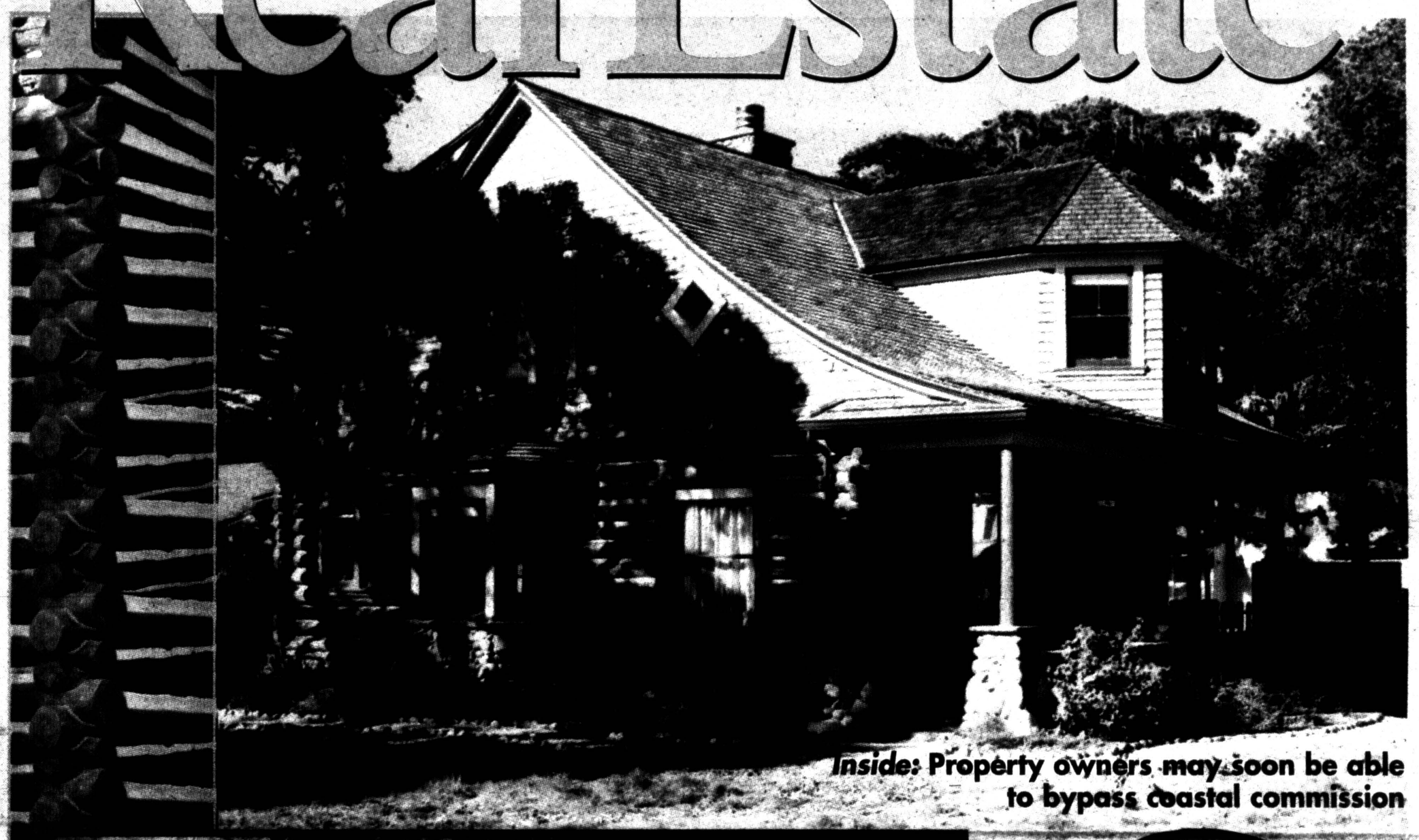

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26065 Dougherty Pl $1,060,000
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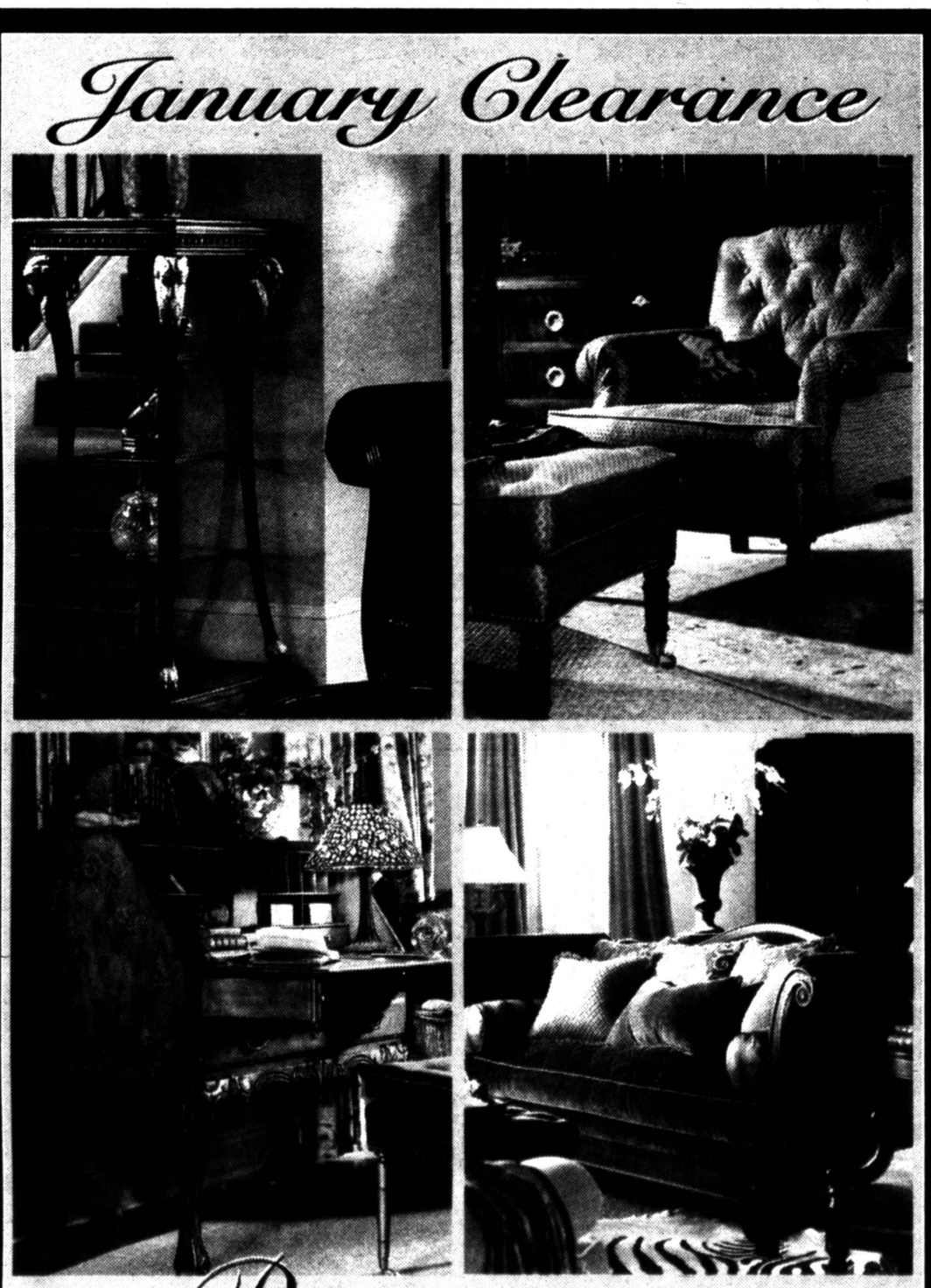

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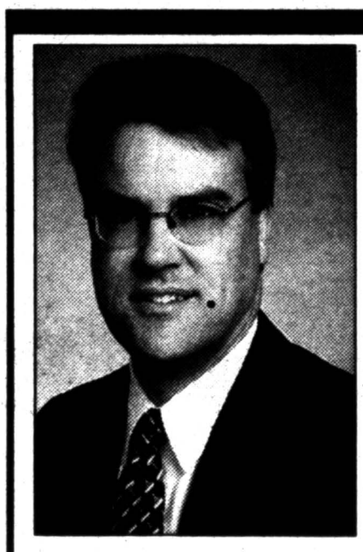

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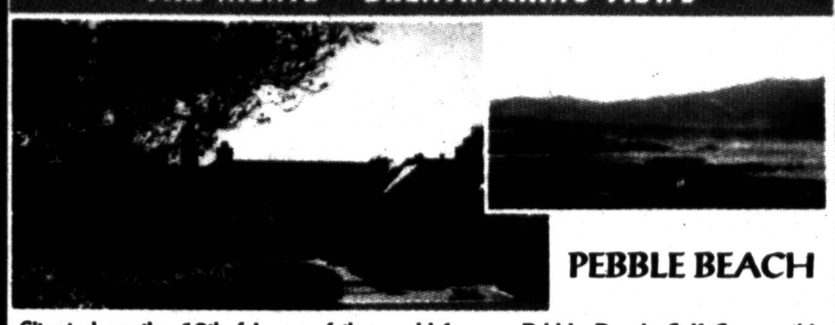

PEBBLE BEACH

Situated on the 18th fairway of the world-famous Pebble Beach Golf Course, this enchanting French country style home, designed by John Matthams, takes full advantage of the views of the ocean and golf course. This four bedroom, five plus bath home includes a master suite with fireplaces in both bedroom and dressing room, state-of-the-art family kitchen, gorgeously appointed guest suites, and numerous custom touches.

$27,000,000 **624-0136**

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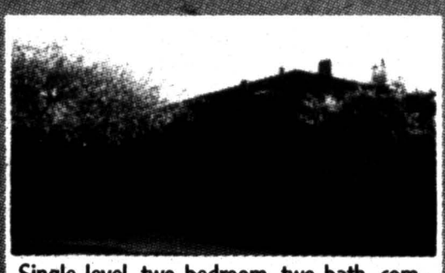
This 1900+ sq. ft. unit with understated elegance has two bedroom, two bath condo has been remodeled with the finest craftsmanship and materials. Walking distance to the indoor swimming pool and clubhouse.

$950,000



Single level, two bedroom, two bath, completely remodeled and beautifully updated. Features expanded rooms, an entry with an over-sized skylight, gourmet kitchen, fireplace, deck and lovely southerly views. Walking distance to the clubhouse.

$790,000

Expanded rooms and enclosed deck. Gourmet kitchen with all new appliances. Large utility room with washer/dryer. Parquet floors, plantation shutters, exterior awnings. Great location – walk to clubhouse & pool. **$775,000**

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TUSCAN VILLA AT MONTERRA

MONTEREY PENINSULA

This one year old Tuscan villa at Monterra affords sweeping views which include the Club House at Tehama, rolling oak-studded hills and pine forests. This four bedroom, four full bath home features attention to detail – beveled stone floors with radiant heat, hand-finished pecan flooring, media room, wine cellar and hand-made cabinetry throughout. Wired for Smart House, this home is packed with numerous top-of-the-line amenities.

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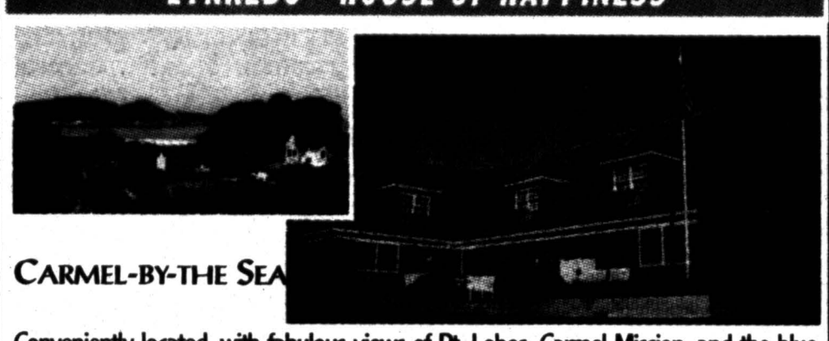

CARMEL-BY-THE SEA

Conveniently located, with fabulous views of Pt. Lobos, Carmel Mission, and the blue Pacific, and bordered by a greenbelt, this stunning "remodeled" home is basically new from the ground up! Four bedrooms, three baths plus an adorable guest house, set on a meticulously maintained 4/10th acre parcel--this home is in immaculate condition, offering every imaginable amenity. Top quality and attention to detail throughout.

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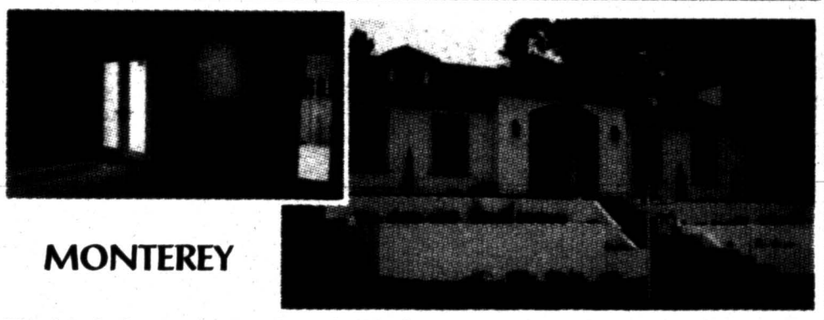

MONTEREY

This four bedroom, three and one half bath, 3500 sq. ft. newly completed renovation was done with attention to detail and superb craftsmanship throughout. French doors open to a large courtyard with outdoor fireplace. Gourmet kitchen with cherrywood cabinetry, travertine limestone floors, granite countertops. Detached guest quarters. Set majestically high on a 4/10th acre lot in this prestigious location.

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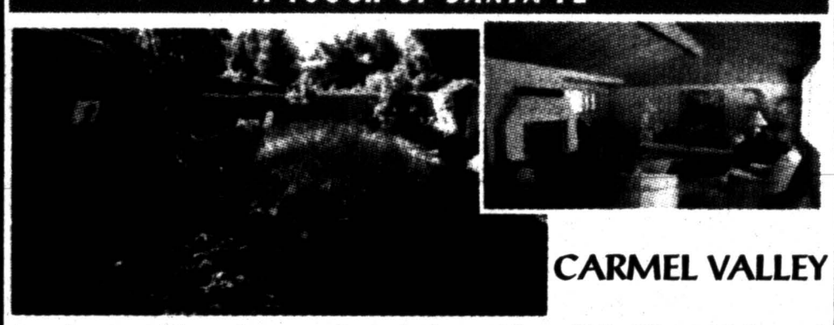
A TOUCH OF SANTA FE



CARMEL VALLEY

Imagine yourself in a private paradise in the heart of Carmel Valley Village. A full acre of prize land envelops your casually elegant post adobe hacienda with mission-style wall, patios, fountain, rose arbor, and lush gardens. Perfect for entertaining. Feel the warmth of the open beam ceilings, Mexican tiled fireplace and adobe brick interior. Make this pleasant vision a reality now.

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THE ENGLISH COTSWOLDS IN CARMEL

CARMEL

A darling three bedroom, one bath home is located in a warm and friendly neighborhood. The pine plank floors, woodburning brick fireplace, country kitchen, manicured English garden, stone and brick paths, fountains, gazebo and patio area add to the warmth, charm and character of this home, reminiscent of a cozy cottage in the English Cotswolds. All located on an oversized corner lot with room to grow!

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MEDITERRANEAN BEAUTY WITH WHITEWATER VIEWS

CARMEL

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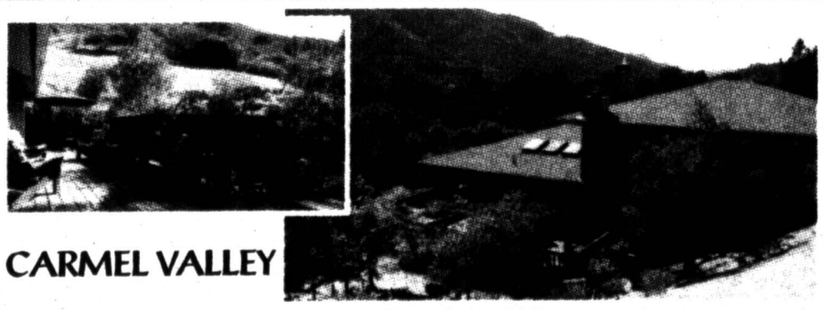

CARMEL VALLEY

This property exemplifies what is best about Carmel Valley --complete privacy, gently sloping land with spectacular mountain views, fenced gardens with a charming garden house. The well maintained and updated house has three bedrooms, two and one half baths in addition to an attached studio with a full bath which could be the fourth bedroom, in-law quarters or an artist's studio.

$1,050,000 **659-2267**

OVERLOOKING THE 12TH FAIRWAY AT PASADERA

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Council prepares for Local Coastal Program battle

By MARY BROWNFIELD

WHILE IT accepted many of the California Coastal Commission staff's suggested revisions of the Coastal Implementation Plan Tuesday night, the Carmel City Council also readied for a fight at the commission's meeting in La Jolla next month.

The CIP comprises the laws to implement the city's coastal Land Use Plan, and together the documents make up the Carmel Local Coastal Program. When it's finally certified, the LCP will return permit authority to the City of Carmel after almost 28 years of being in the hands of the coastal commission.

Before reviewing the proposed changes and recommendations from principal planner Brian Roseth, the council sought public input.

Resident Jim Wright said he could not possibly read through the documents and provide meaningful, specific comments in such a short amount of time.

In general, he criticized the city's objections because they focused on the very items that would promote the "identification, preservation and enhancement of historic resources" — the stated purpose of the historic preservation ordinance, which has already been approved by the city as part of the CIP.

Realtor and resident Carla Ramsey also said she couldn't talk about specifics given the limited time to review the staff report, but she said she nevertheless supported Roseth's recommendations and objected to the coastal staff's revisions.

"Having attended all the planning commission and council meetings on this subject from early on, it seems to me that the coastal staff's suggestions in general are the antithesis of what was decided by all of you," she said. "It also seems the suggestions are the antithesis of private property rights."

Downtown and historic preservation

At the the Jan. 20 meeting — the third in the ongoing discussion of modifications to the CIP — the council went along with a coastal commission proposal to create a downtown "conservation district" with special rules to preserve its looks.

Creating the district would satisfy a policy in the already certified LUP which "calls for the protection of the unique character of Ocean Avenue and the surrounding commercial area," according to Roseth. Changes to buildings in the district would be reviewed by the historic resources board as well as the design review board, planning commission or city council.

The council also decided to accept a coastal commission suggestion that the city's historic preservation ordinance should include criteria for determining whether a part of the city could be deemed an historic district.

Such a district should "contain a majority of properties that contribute to the characteristics of a specific area or neighborhood; represent a theme from the historic context of the early development of Carmel; have a majority of individual property types demonstrating the functions, styles, time period and lifestyle of the period of significance; have contributing resources in the majority that evidence a high level of integrity based on physical condition, retention of historical characteristics and relationship to the original site; and represent or potentially represent historical information important locally, regionally, or to the state or nation," according to the CIP.

What to fight

Following Roseth's suggestions on what to fight, the city council also voted that:

■ Decisions on whether a building is historic should be made by experts hired by the city, not the historic resources board.

"It's a question of whether you want a process that is administrative or administrative with citizen oversight," he said. The former would require less time and be more technical, while the latter would take longer and be more political, since the HRB would likely lack any state-certified preservation experts. "Those are the tradeoffs. The Coastal Implementation Plan favored the administrative process."

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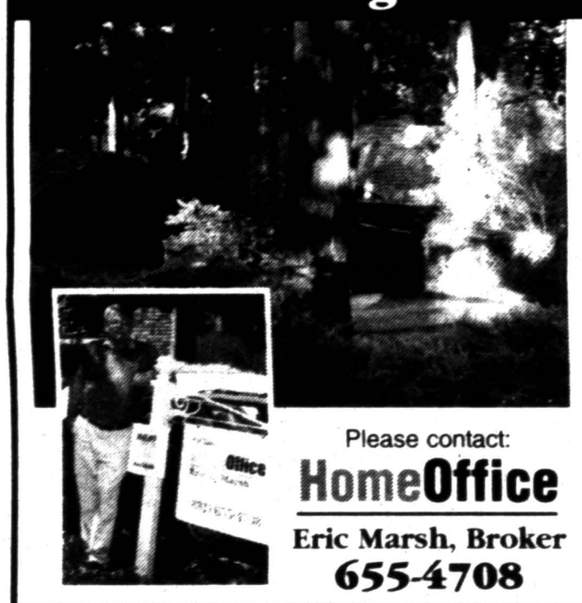

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■ Demolitions of historic resources may be approved if there is "no feasible alternative," according to the council — not if it is only "necessary to address a public health and safety emergency," as proposed by coastal staff.

"They have included this 'health and safety' standard, which is not anywhere in the LUP," Roseth explained.

■ The general public need not be notified when a building is deemed not to be historic, though anyone interested in historic designations can request to be notified whenever a decision is made.

■ Third parties should not be able to request a property be placed on the historic inventory without involvement of the property owner or the city-approved expert. Coastal staff wanted anyone interested to be able to take such a request directly to the historic resources board.

■ Coastal staff wanted homes that had been deemed ineligible for historic designation to be reevaluated when they turn 50 years old. According to the CIP, the property would remain ineligible for five years, after which it could be reassessed.

"Property owners need some level of certainty, and the five-year time period represents a reasonable compromise," Roseth wrote in his staff report.

■ Coastal staff wanted even minor alterations to historic buildings to undergo a 10-day waiting period before becoming final and to be reviewed by the historic resources board, but according to Roseth, those requirements would be difficult and costly to administer and would necessitate the board convening every five days, since decisions regarding minor alterations are made daily.

Water quality rules

In the water quality protection ordinance drafted by coastal staff, Roseth proposed striking parts of it that didn't pertain to Carmel, including references to fast food restaurants, car washes and warehouse stores.

"Obviously, this was written by bureaucrats for some city not Carmel," said councilman Gerard Rose, whose initial reaction was to tell coastal staff to stay out of the city's affairs. "They may be talking about a lot of things, but not about us."

Roseth also suggested eliminating requirements to "prevent" polluted water from running into the bay in favor of reducing it, since "essentially it's impossible to prevent polluted runoff."

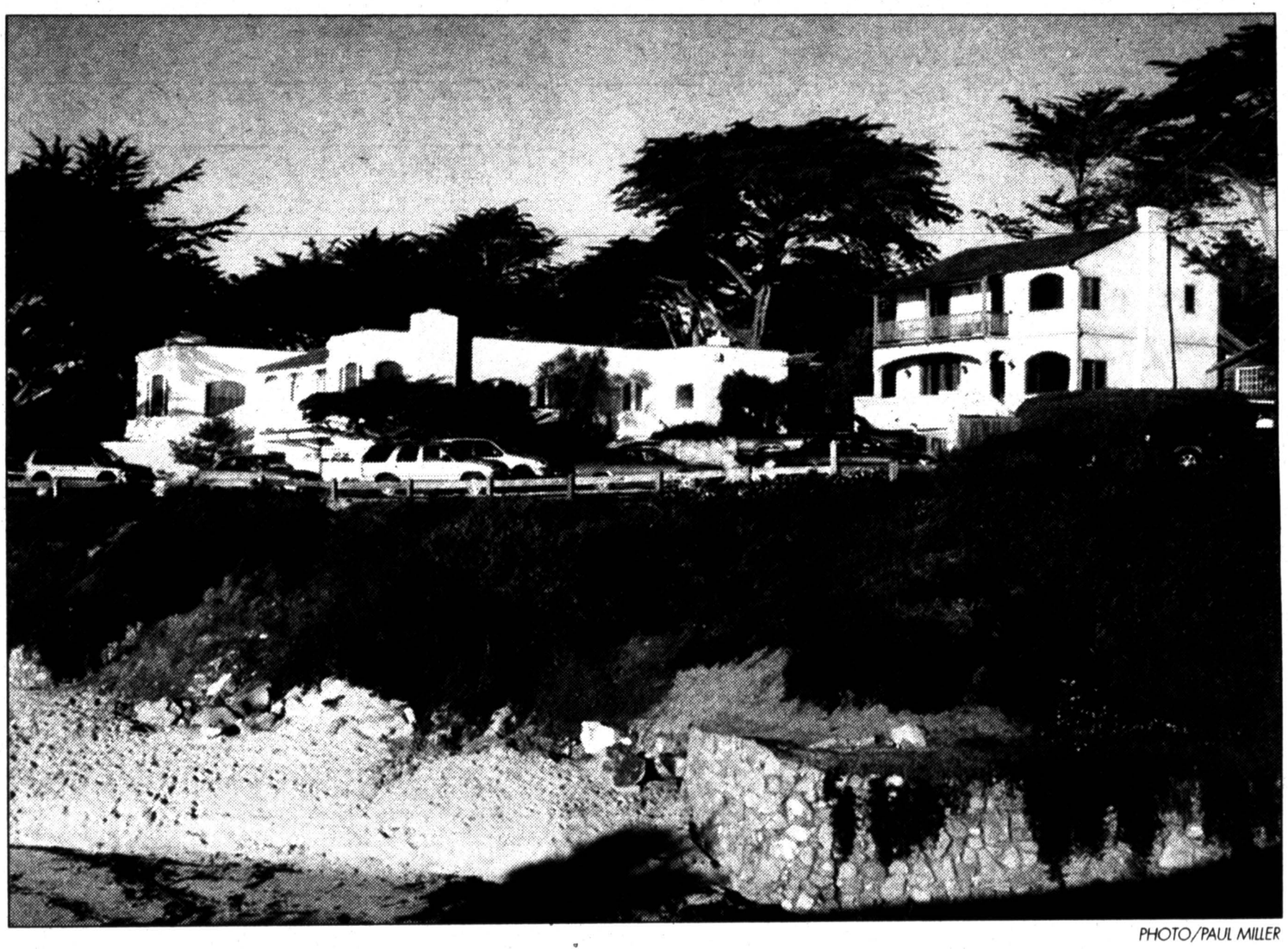
But he suggested the council go along with most of coastal staff's version, which will later be revised to match the requirements of the federally mandated stormwater runoff program currently being developed on a regional level.

Councilman Dick Ely, running for mayor in April's election, reiterated his disagreement with the review process, which he said has cut lower-level decision makers out.

The Jan. 20 meeting was the third in a series addressing proposed revisions to the CIP. By engaging in ongoing discussions with coastal staff, the city hopes to minimize the number of disputes that might have to be settled by the coastal commission when the state body considers the plan in its entirety next month.

Once the coastal commission approves the CIP — and which amendments proposed by its staff to accept — the document will return to the planning commission and city council, which will have their last chance to make changes. It will then go back to the coastal commission for final certification.

When the LCP becomes law, property owners in Carmel will no longer need to apply to the coastal commission for development permits and, in most of the city, the only way to challenge a permit decision by the city will be to file a lawsuit. However, permits for properties near the beach, Pescadero Canyon and Mission Trail Nature Preserve will still be appealable to the coastal commission.



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Property owners in Carmel won't have to get permits from the coastal commission once the city's LCP is certified. But homeowners on Scenic Road (above), in Pescadero Canyon and adjacent to Mission Trail Nature Preserve can still have their permits appealed to the commission.

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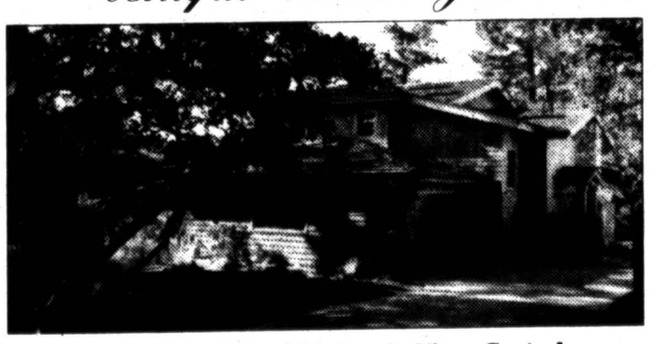

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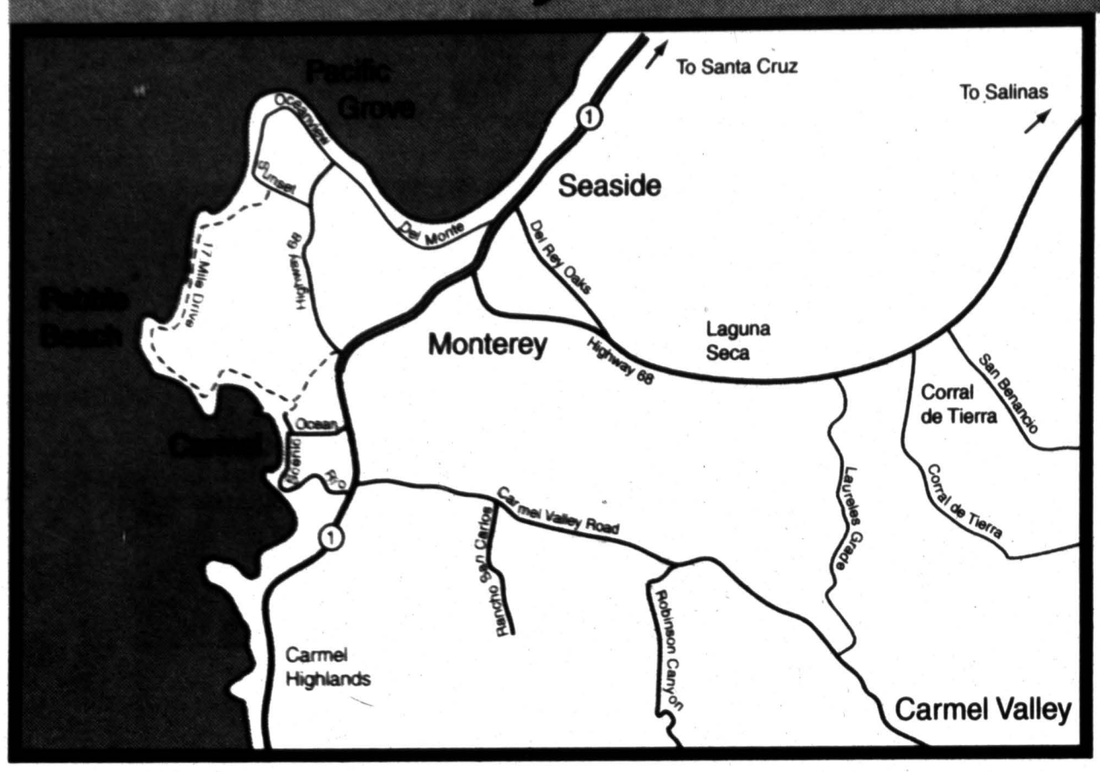

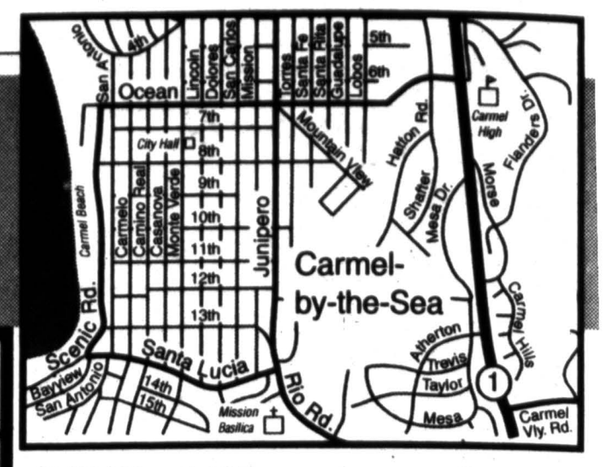

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$750,000 607 Carmel Ave Alain Pinel Realtors	**2bd 2ba**	**Sa Su 1-4** Pacific Grove 622-1040
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$995,000 3041 Strawberry Hill Rd Coldwell Banker Del Monte	**3bd 2.5ba**	**Sa 2-4 Su 1-3** Pebble Beach 626-2222
$1,795,000 1007 Vaquero Rd Coldwell Banker Del Monte	**3bd 2ba**	**Su 2-4** Pebble Beach 626-2222
$1,795,000 3063 Forest Way Alain Pinel Realtors	**3bd 2.5ba**	**Su 1-4** Pebble Beach 622-1040
$1,975,000 1043 Lost Barranca Alain Pinel Realtors	**4bd 3.5ba**	**Su 1-3** Pebble Beach 622-1040
$2,450,000 1580 Griffin Alain Pinel Realtors	**2bd 3ba**	**Sa 1-3** Pebble Beach 622-1040
$2,495,000 3241 Forest Lake The Mitchell Group	**5bd 5ba**	**Sa 1-3** Pebble Beach 624-6482
$2,495,000 2913 17 Mile Dr Coldwell Banker Del Monte	**3bd 3.5ba**	**Su 1-4** Pebble Beach 626-2224
$2,595,000 1022 Bronco Alain Pinel Realtors	**5bd 4ba**	**Sa 1-4 Su 2-4** Pebble Beach 622-1040
$2,890,000 77 Spanish Bay Cir Coldwell Banker Del Monte	**3bd 3.5ba**	**Sa 1-3** Pebble Beach 626-2221
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$2,995,000 4bd 4ba 1488 Bonifacio Rd Burchell House Properties	**Su 2-4** Pebble Beach 624-6461
$2,995,000 5bd 4.5ba 3120 Spruance Alain Pinel Realtors	**Sa Su 1-3** Pebble Beach 622-1040
$3,100,000 6+bd 4+ba 1579 Griffin Road The Mitchell Group	**Su 2-4** Pebble Beach 624-6482
$3,195,000 4bd 4.5ba 64 Spanish Bay Cir Coldwell Banker Del Monte	**Su 2-4** Pebble Beach 626-2221
$3,200,000 4bd 3.5ba 1456 Padre Ln (rain cancels) The Mitchell Group	**Su 1-4** Pebble Beach 624-6482
$3,495,000 4bd 3.5ba 1205 Benbow Alain Pinel Realtors	**Sa 1-4** Pebble Beach 622-1040
$3,495,000 4bd 3.5ba 1205 Benbow **(rain cancels)** Alain Pinel Realtors	**Su 1-4** Pebble Beach 622-1040
$3,950,000 4bd 3.5ba 1501 Vizcaino Rd Coldwell Banker Del Monte	**Su 1:30-4:30** Pebble Beach 626-2222
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POLICE LOG

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MONDAY, JANUARY 12

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Battery reported at 0136 hours at Lincoln and Ocean. Suspect, an unknown white male, 5-9, with a heavy build and black hair, driving a white four-door vehicle, gained entry via the front door and struck the victim, causing injury.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Anonymous report of underage drinkers in a pub at San Carlos and Ocean. There was a group of about 10 that left the business upon the officers' arrival. Contacted the bartender and advised him the purpose of the call. He said he had been checking everyone's identification. Contacted a few of the patrons and verified their ages. He stated he understood the consequences of serving alcohol to minors and having them in the business.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of two dogs running loose on San Carlos at 12th. Area checked and one dog was located at Dolores and 15th. The brown female pit bull, Nakoma, was followed back to her residence. The owner was contacted and continued the search for the other pit bull, a brindle male named Willow. Willow returned a little later on his own. The reasons for the dogs being loose were discussed and a warning was given.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female came to the department to file a complaint regarding an insufficient-funds check she received. Upon investigation, it was found the check had a stop payment on it. The jewelers did not wish to purchase the watch and it was returned.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a broken window at Lincoln and Seventh. Based on the broken glass inside the display, nothing else appeared to have been tampered with. Unable to contact the owner or leave a message. A neighboring shop owner assisted in temporarily boarding up the window until it can be replaced. A card was left for the owner to contact the department.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male called and reported someone had taken the trash bin from his shop at Lincoln and Seventh. He said he put the trash out about 0930 hours and after the trash had been picked up around 1030 hours, the bin had disappeared. He said this was not the first time something like this had happened. He contacted the men picking up the garbage and they did not know what happened to the bin. Advised employees to contact the department if they need to file a report.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Carmel Taxi driver called to report he picked up a female subject at the airport and brought her to a San Carlos Street hotel. Prior to his accepting the fare, she advised him that she did not have cash, only a credit card. He dropped her off and after checking in, she gave him the credit card. He attempted to run it, but it was declined. She offered him what little cash she had but he decided not to take the last of her money. She was going to contact the church tomorrow to see if there was a program that would help her.

Carmel Valley: Information taken at a Robinson Canyon Road address.

Big Sur: Theft in the area of Highway 1 49 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County line.

Pebble Beach: Stopped a suspicious subject on 17 Mile Drive.

Carmel area: Past-tense theft at Highway 1 and Ocean Avenue.

Pebble Beach: Civil problem at a Crest Road residence.

Carmel area: Theft from an Outlook Drive residence.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female property owner rents a residence to a subject and was concerned because she had not heard from the tenant in the past two-and-a-half months. The vehicle the tenant drives appeared to have not moved and the property owner requested a welfare check. Entry gained with a key and the residence was found abandoned. It appears the tenant moved out without giving the owner notice or past-due rent. The residence was turned over to the owner and the vehicle parked on

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032772. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **MULLIGANS PUB,** N/W corner Dolores & 8th, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921. KATHRYN M. BRYANT, 130 11th Street, Pacific Grove, CA 93950; ALBERT R. STEELE, 130 11th Street, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Nov. 26, 2003. (s) Albert Steele. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 22, 2003. Publication dates: Jan 2, 9, 16, 23, 2004. (PC 102)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040053. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CARMEL E COMMERCE,** 225 Crossroads Blvd., PMB 388, Carmel, CA 93923. BARBARA ELIZABETH DIAMOND, 24501 Via Mar Monte #53, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Jan. 1, 2004. (s) Barbara E. Diamond. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 7, 2004. Publication dates: Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 2004. (PC 107)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY
In re the Estate of
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Case No. M68286
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF TED MARTIN NETH

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(s) Thomas Hart Hawley
Attorney for Trustee
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Publication dates: Jan. 16, 23, 30, 2004. (PC108)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY
In re the Estate of
ELIOT MARR, Deceased.
Case No. MP16933
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ELIOT MARR

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(s) Kathleen Llewellyn
Attorney for Trustee
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Publication dates: Jan. 16, 23, 30, 2004. (PC110)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040023. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CYPRESS ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING,** 60 Harper Canyon Road, Salinas, CA 93908. MARK WILLIAM MANIS, 60 Harper Canyon Road, Salinas, CA 93908. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Jan. 1, 2004. (s) Mark William Manis, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 5, 2004. Publication dates: Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 2004. (PC 111)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032789. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **DEJA VU,** 26366 Carmel Rancho Lane, Suite A, Carmel, CA 93923. JULIE ANNE RUMSEY, 104 Stephen Rd., Aptos, CA 95003. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Jan. 5, 2004. (s) Julie A. Rumsey. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 26, 2004. Publication dates: Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 2004. (PC 113)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040039. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **ASHTANGA PG,** Chataugua Hall, 17th & Central Ave, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. ELISABETH MCCLOUD, 207 13th Street, Pacific Grove, Ca 93950. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Jan. 1, 2004. (s) Elisabeth McCloud. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 6, 2004. Publication dates: Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 2004. (PC 114)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040113. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **LA PET SERVICES,** 1123 Forest Avenue #275, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. HOLLY LAPETINA, 1123 Forest Avenue #275, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Jan. 14, 2004. (s) Holly Lapetina. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 14, 2004. Publication dates: Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 2004. (PC 115)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20040074. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **MICHAEL E. CHANDLER & ASSOC.,** 25450 Tierra Grand, Carmel, CA 93923. MICHAEL CHANDLER, 25450 Tierra Grand, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Dec. 1, 2003. (s) Michael Chandler. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 9, 2004. Publication dates: Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 2004. (PC 116)

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Welfare check conducted following a Lifeline alarm activation and no answer received when attempting to telephone the resident. Interior and exterior checked and no one found at home. Nothing appeared unusual. Lifeline was contacted and advised. Card left, and the resident's daughter called the station later to report he was at dinner and was fine.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female lost her Verizon cell phone somewhere in the area of Carmel Beach.

Pebble Beach: Parole violation at Del Ciervo Road and 17 Mile Drive.

Carmel Valley: Information taken at a Via Contenta residence.

Carmel area: Follow-up conducted at Highway 1 and Ocean Avenue.

Carmel area: Violation of a restraining order on Carmel Rancho Boulevard.

Big Sur: Theft from an area of Highway 1 50 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County line.

Carmel Valley: Domestic dispute at a residence.

Big Sur: Ongoing harassment at Palo Colorado Canyon Road and Garrapata.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

Carmel Valley: Harassing phone calls received at a Cachagua Road residence.

Big Sur: Welfare check on a child conducted at the Post Ranch Inn.

Carmel Valley: Domestic dispute at a residence.

Carmel Valley: Animal call at a Cypress Way residence.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject contacted after he identified himself as responsible for damaging a tree belonging to a market at Junipero and Sixth while operating a vehicle owned by another subject. He struck the young tree after he attempted to park the vehicle in the store's parking lot and accidentally stepped on the accelerator instead of the brakes. He caused damage to the vehicle as well as to the tree. An arborist will be obtained to inspect the condition of the tree for possible replacement.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Grand theft from a

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residence under construction at Casanova and Ocean. A piece of equipment valued at $3,000 belonging to a masonry firm was stolen from the premises. Unlawful entry gained without force sometime between 01/14 at 1430 hours and 01/15 at 0830 hours.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Obscene/threatening phone calls received at a restaurant at Mission and Fourth beginning 1/12/04.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Warrant served at Rio Road and Lasuen. A subject was stopped for a minor vehicle code violation and found to have an outstanding $2,000 traffic warrant for driving while unlicensed and speeding. Warrant was confirmed and the driver was released on citation with a new date to appear in Marina Traffic Court.

Carmel area: Harassing calls received at a 16th Avenue residence.

Big Sur: Information taken on Highway 1 48 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County line.

Carmel Valley: Lost/found/missing property on Hidden Hills Road.

Carmel area: Subject stopped at a Carmel Rancho Center business.

Carmel Valley: Past-tense burglary of a vehicle parked on Carmel Valley Road.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female lost her black pashmina stole while walking from Fourth and Torres to Sunset Center for the photographic art exhibit this evening. She retraced her steps but was unable to locate the black stole in the dark.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject lost his silver Panasonic cell phone in the post office.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a subject begging passing pedestrians for money in the area of Junipero and Sixth. He was located in the parking lot and admitted asking people for money. He stated he was unaware it was a violation of the CMC and stated he would no longer ask for money. He was contacted again at Ocean and Dolores with another subject after CPD received an additional report that one of them had extended a hand out and received money from a passing pedestrian. Both were contacted and agreed to try to find a different location that would legally allow them to ask for handouts.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citizen flagdown at Ocean and Dolores. Male reported another male adult started following him on his way home from a Dolores Street bar, then ran away when the officer drove up. He described the subject as approximately 5'9" but could not provide further description or direction of travel. He was concerned about the bartender because the subject had been flirting with her and she was still there closing the bar alone. At the same time, the bartender called dispatch to request a police escort to her vehicle because a male subject was loitering outside the bar and had made her uncomfortable with his flirtatious behavior. Area check conducted, but the subject was not found. Escort provided to the vehicle for the bartender, and the concerned citizen to his residence.

Carmel Valley: Fraudulent checks received at a Ford Road business.

Carmel area: Harassing phone calls with threats received at a Sycamore Place residence.

Carmel Valley: Grand theft from Dampierre Park. Unfounded report. Employee broke into the business to retrieve his keys. No criminal intent.

Pebble Beach: Grand theft from Robert Louis Stevenson School. Student placed a laptop computer on the ground next to the lockers, walked away for 20 minutes and returned to find it gone. No suspect information.

Carmel Valley: Information taken at a Parrot Ranch Road residence.

Carmel Valley: Civil problem at a Rancho Road residence.

Carmel Valley: Vehicle check conducted at Rancho Fiesta Road and West Carmel Valley Road.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: CPD received a report of several subjects sitting in a pickup truck holding weapons in the air at Mission and First. Contact made with subjects sitting in the back of the pickup truck. All juveniles were found to have exact replicas of assault rifles which were determined to be nonlethal air-pellet guns. All were counseled on the negative effects of displaying or brandishing realistic-looking, replica assault weapons in public. Parents were contacted and advised.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject contacted in his jewelry store at San Carlos and Seventh after the panic alarm was activated. Cause of false alarm unknown.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported finding a motorcycle in the backyard of her parents' Carmelo Street residence. She did not know to whom it belonged. The registered owner was

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identified and contacted, and the subject advised the motorcycle was sold to another male on Nov. 3, 2003. A female subject was contacted and advised the motorcycle was purchased by her nephew. She was advised to contact her nephew in order to facilitate the removal of the motorcycle.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citizen reported hearing a female and a male yelling at each other in the area of Lincoln and Third at 2102 hours. The male was heard yelling at the female to give him the keys. Units responded and were confronted by a male subject with his shirt half off and obviously angry. Before the officer could stop his vehicle, the subject became angry and confrontational and began swearing and yelling at the officer. He was ordered to place his hands on the hood of the vehicle, and at first refused but eventually complied. He was pat searched for weapons and eventually calmed down. He stated his girlfriend picked him up at work and began to drive them home, but they got in a verbal argument because she got lost and then pulled into a driveway on Lincoln at Third. He exited the vehicle and she began to drive away. He realized as she was driving away that she still had his house keys with her in the vehicle, so he yelled at her to give them back. As she drove away, he punched the vehicle, injuring his hand. He refused medical treatment and after being interviewed, was released and walked to the bus stop to go home. Female had left the area prior to officers' arrival and was unable to be located.

Carmel area: Property lost at a Rio Road address.

Carmel Valley: Animal call at a Tassajara Road residence.

Carmel area: Checked on a dog left in a parked vehicle at The Barnyard.

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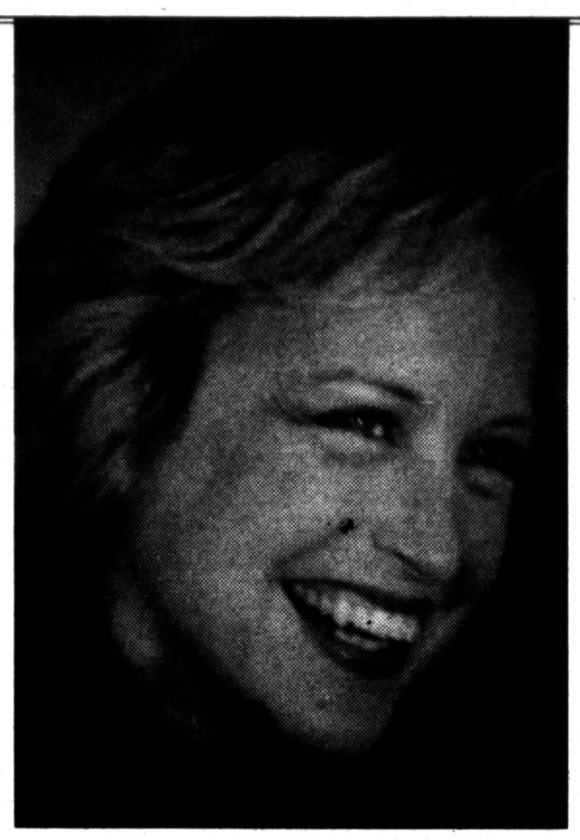

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"CAPE COD" BY-THE-SEA! Peeks of the sea and the sound of the surf await you from this wonderfully remodeled 3-bedroom, 3-bath Cape Cod-style home in Carmel's coveted "South-of-Ocean-Avenue" neighborhood, where walks to town are a way of life. $1,895,000.

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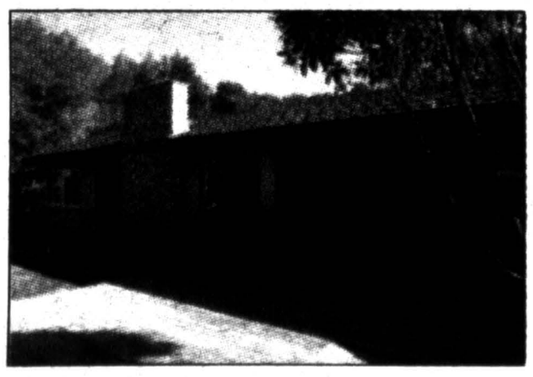

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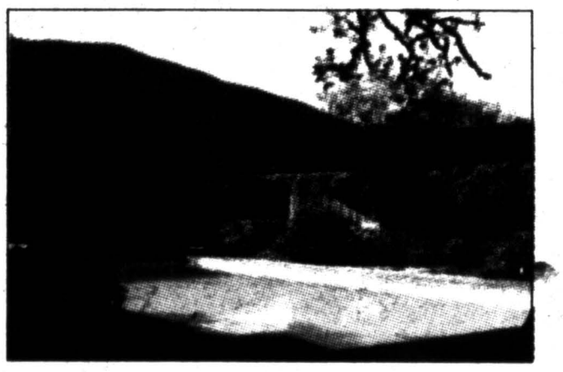
FINE COUNTRY LIVING! A special, mostly landscaped over 6-1/2-acre parcel with three homes located just 4 miles east of the Village. The main home is a 1600 sq. ft. post adobe with soaring ceilings, 2 bedrooms and 2 baths. Two guesthouses, & private well. $1,299,000.



QUINTESSENTIAL CARMEL VALLEY! Amid ancient oaks on three level acres in the prestigious Miramonte area, almost all rooms of this fabulous 3550 sq. ft. post adobe estate home open to the patio and pool. Four bedrooms and 3 baths including the separate guest wing with living room. $2,250,000.

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